Bay Area Sunday Schools In Big Drive To Up Attendance Sabbath Mornings Beginning In September and October

The Sunday School Stake Board members are all working hard to attain the attendance goal that has been set for the 1955 6-stake Convention. Some stakes have an average of about 35% of our LDS population in attendance at Sunday School. By the time of the convention it is hoped to reach a goal of 45% or more.

As the tentative plans stand, the convention will be held in November or December at four chapels in the East Bay Area. The ward and stake Sunday School officers and teachers of five or six stakes will participate. The convention will be under the direction of approximately seventeen members of the General Board from Salt Lake and will be held on a departmental basis.

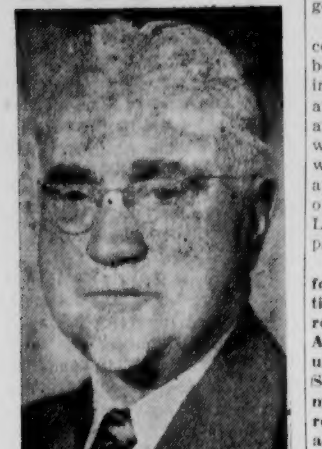
In order to have the statistics for our goal cleared by convention time, it will be necessary to register the increase by October. All Stake Boards would like to urge everyone to attend Sunday School regularly in the next two months, especially, so that we can reach our goal. We are sure that all who come and partake of the rich gifts offered by our Sunday Schools will be greatly rewarded.

SPECIAL SEPT. SUNDAYS

In the month of September we have two special Sundays. September 12th is "100% Sunday." This is the Sunday each year when the wards make a special drive to have every member of the ward in attendance at Sunday School or accounted for with a legitimate excuse.

September 19th has been set aside as the day for the collection of the Sunday School Budget Fund. Due to the increased cost of living, each ward member will be asked to contribute fifteen cents in place of the dime collected previously. Ten cents for each ward member is to be sent to the stake superintendency, of which 80% is to be sent to the General Board. The other five cents is for ward Sunday School use. The money received by the stake and general boards is used to improve the church Sunday Schools, so the wards really benefit from the entire amount. We hope that all will give generously so that we might improve the Sunday Schools in our stake and thus further God's work in this part of the vineyard.

The John A. Widtsoe Mem. Scholarship Foundation Set Up



JOHN A. WIDTSOE

A group of local alumni of the three chief Utah institutions of higher education met Thursday, August 19, at the LDS Institute of Religion in Berkeley to confer with J. Wyley Sessions, executive secretary of the John A. Widtsoe Memorial Scholarship Foundation for Scholarship and Research.

Present were W. Glenn Harmon, Richard W. Owens, Lee Kenner, and Isaac B. Ball. Brother Harmon has been named area chairman for the six stakes of the S. F. Bay-region.

Dr. Milton R. Hunter is chairman of the board of trustees of the legally organized foundation. Other trustees are Harold R. Smith, Marion D. Hanks, J. Wyley Sessions, Dr. A. Ray Olphin, Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson, Dr. John L. Clarke, Dr. Joel Ricks, and Richard W. Clayton.

Purpose of the get-together was to canvass the objectives, progress, present status and future plans of the foundation.

MEMORIAL FUND OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Memorial Foundation is to perpetuate the ideals of John A. Widtsoe through establishing annual scholarships for outstanding Latter-day Saint students in universities of their choice.

To this end invitations are to be extended to all admirers of Dr. Widtsoe to contribute as they may wish from year to year towards a permanent endowment fund, the interest of which will be used to assist worthy LDS youth to progress in scholarship and research.

It was pointed out that every dollar contributed will go into this permanent fund and for no other purpose. The response in the first year of the foundation has been surprizing. It affords an agency where one may satisfy his or her desire to do something tangible to advance scholarship and research among worthy young people of the Church and at the same time do honor to a loved educator and apostle of Jesus Christ.

Joint Stake Meet Oakland, Berkeley Hear Bd. Members

By Mildred Fontano

A joint Oakland and Berkeley Relief Society Convention was held in Oakland chapel August 14, Oakland being hostess to the convention. Northern California Mission Relief Society was also invited and seven women came under the direction of Amelia Gardner, their president.

Aleine Young and Anna B. Hart were the visiting representatives from the general board. They honored both stakes because of high achievement in subscriptions to the Relief Society Magazine: Oakland Stake, 672 or 104% in twelve wards; Berkeley Stake, 482 subscriptions or 86% in 11 wards.

Brother Angus Norbert represented Pres. Delbert F. Wright and gave words of encouragement.

Three members of the priesthood were in attendance from each stake, including Pres. W. Glenn Harmon of Berkeley.

A group of singing mothers from San Lorenzo sang two numbers under the able direction of Sister L. Madsen.

Beneficial Agency Representatives At Coronado Conclave

The following members of the Oakland Agency of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company and their wives attended a company convention held at Coronado, California July 27th to 30th.

Lee T. Balton, Harold J. Hickenlooper, C.L.U., James C. Nackos, Lyman R. Parker, Don C. Wood, C. L. U., and Charles J. Taylor, C.L.U., general agent. The purpose of the convention was to present the latest developments in life insurance techniques and sales service provided by the company.

Mrs. Lyman R. Parker, Lee T. Dalton, Harold J. Hickenlooper, C.L.U., James C. Nakos, Don C. Wood, C.L.U., and Charles J. Taylor, C.L.U., were featured speakers at the convention, demonstrating successful ways of marketing life insurance.

Over 160 people were in attendance at the convention, including representatives from California, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Washington and Arizona.

NOE HAWAIIAN TOUR GIVEN WORD OF PRAISE BY ONE WHO WAS THERE

We have received this letter with a request for publication:

"In a recent 'Messenger,' Mr. and Mrs. Noe of El Cerrito announced they were planning a Temple Excursion to the Hawaiian Islands, to take place in October. This is a wonderful opportunity to thoroughly see the Islands. This will be the 3rd annual 'Noe' Tour, and the price, which covers so much, is most reasonable.

"You will find Milton and Rita Noe to be the most efficient and congenial supervisors you have ever met. You will enjoy every care free moment, for you will not have any responsibilities that you usually encounter in a tour. The Noe's do all the planning and have all the worries. I took this tour in October, 1953, and I can honestly say I never enjoyed anything more—the beautiful Islands.

"The most courteous treatment from everyone we met, the wonderful sessions in the beautiful Temple, and the different tours we took in comfortable limousines with expert guides as drivers, is one you will never forget. You can obtain itinerary of the trip from Milton E. Noe, of 236 Carmel Avenue, El Cerrito, California, or phone him at LA. 5-7602. By the way, these "gracious" hosts did not know I was writing this article. Success to them.

(Signed) Minnie F. Ellsworth

Singing Mothers of Berkeley Stake At Stake Conference

—Pyle Photography

The Singing Mothers of Berkeley Stake as they appeared when rendering music for the May 1954 Berkeley Stake quarterly conference. Mildred Gibbs, Stake chorister and leader of the group stands on the left, first row, next to organist Grace Boyack who stands on the extreme left, while Grace Summerhays, pianist, stands at the extreme right, first row.

Members of the chorus who sang at the May Conference are:

Berkeley I and II Ward: Grace Summerhays, Ada Lindblad, Anne Sorensen, Kathryn Baer, Thelma Merrill, Elaine Evans, Sally Olson, La Von Johnson, Grace Boyack, Marguerite Noy, Ruth Zupann, Ada Umberger, Alice Mae Allen, Anne Lea Spenser, Wanda Chase, Helga Evans, Enid Young, Francis Dubinsky, Gail Larson, Adele Duncan, Ruth Wescott, Myrtle Gardner, Nancy Folger, Eva Perry.

Claremont Ward: Anita Hancock, Annette Wood, Marjorie W. Remington, Lily Blackburn, Harriet Hyer.

Concord Ward: Iris Creer, Nora Hicks, Lorraine Reinoldson, Donna Lindford.

Martinez Ward: Nelda Poulsen, Estelle Seay, Bertha Facer, Ida Perrins, Patricia Puchett, Edna Korth, Florence Robison.

Pittsburg Ward: Thora Astle, Bea Smashy, Vernell Carr, Delores Hayes, Gloria Magleby, Margaret Furnell, Reva McFarland, Edith Wyler, Mildred Gibbs.

Rodeo Ward: Ruth Horn.

Pleasant Hills Ward: Wanda Hilton, Joanne Chalmers, Evelyn Tueller, Maurine Perone, Betty Evans, Gwen Wells, Mona McClurg, Sally Gleason.

Walnut Creek Ward: Maxine Pickett, Jean Lauridsen, Shirley Cherrington, Elaine Jensen, Alice Everett, Francelle Larson, Blanche Cherrington, Connie Bobo, Jo Monaco, Leona Dahlin, Rheta Burnham, Kathryn Weeks, Dorthea Marker, Oral Burrows, Grace Clark, Donna Curtis.

USAC Aggies Meet San Jose State In Football Game

The Utah Aggies are coming again to San Jose for the usual football hassel, Saturday, September 18. Pres. Henry Aldous Dixon will be on hand for the game and for the alumni festivities get-together on the evening of the game.

The Utah State alumni association are calling on all former Aggies and their friends to join in the fun, eats, and football game on that happy occasion.

It is announced that a special Aggie section of seats will be reserved and that tickets are available from Elmo Smith, 3724 Southwood, San Mateo or Neil Holbrook, 89 Loma Vista Drive, Orinda.

LeRoy A. Blaser, alumni secretary in Logan concludes, "Let's all reserve Sept. 18 to come to San Jose and meet your friends and enjoy the good Aggie spirit.

Stanislaus Officials Recognize LDS First Inner Valley Farmers

We quote from a Stanislaus County Centennial Year Souvenir Foulder 1954:

"According to historians, a group of about 60 Mormons were the first white men to actually farm land, irrigate it, and grow wheat in this area. They had come around Cape Horn in the sailing ship Brooklyn under the leadership of a Samuel Brannan with instructions to take possession of land and grow wheat.

"This hardy group of pioneers brought with them flour mills, seed and all necessary equipment to staking out their claim on the south bank of the Stanislaus River approximately 1½ miles above its junction with the San Joaquin River, and in the spring of 1847 they promptly planted about 80 acres of wheat and named their village, "New Hope."

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List Of Utah Manuscripts Now In U. C. Bancroft Library Catalogued By George Ellsworth

Prof. S. George Ellsworth, a former active member of Berkeley and Oakland stakes while he lived in the East Bay and pursued studies at the University of California leading to the doctorate degree in history, has succeeded in having published a catalog of the Utah manuscripts at present in the famous Bancroft library at the U. C.

We quote from the July 15, 1954, issue of the daily Deseret News:

"A catalog of the Utah manuscripts now in the University of California, Berkeley, is published in the July issue of the Utah State Historical Society Quarterly.

"These manuscripts were used by Hubert Howe Bancroft and his assistants in writing the first comprehensive history of Utah, published in 1889.

"Some of the manuscripts were obtained from the Historian's office of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and others were written or dictated specially for Mr. Bancroft.

"S. George Ellsworth of the Utah State Agricultural College History Department catalogued the manuscripts with the cooperation of the Bancroft Library."

Richard W. Owens Made High Executive In State Farm Bureau

Richard W. Owens

Richard W. Owens, of the Berkeley Second ward and a native of Logan, Utah, was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the California Farm Bureau September 23, according to an announcement from George H. Wilson, spokesman for the Board of Directors of that organization.

In his new position, Elder Owens will be the chief administrative officer of the 60,000-member organization headquartered in Berkeley and reportedly one of the largest Farm Bureau organizations in the nation. In addition to his administrative duties in the Farm Bureau, he will automatically become an officer of the affiliated corporations of the state farm bureau, the largest farmer's organization in the State.

A graduate of the Utah State Agricultural College and president of the senior class in 1937, Owens is the son of Mayor and Mrs. William W. Owens of Logan. He was formerly a director of agriculture and legislative representative for the California Chamber of Commerce.

Married Margaret Watkins

He is married to the former Margaret Watkins of Logan. They have five children, and are active in Berkeley Second Ward and civic affairs. Elder Owens has been a member of the bishopric of two East Bay wards, the old Berkeley and the Claremont wards. He was formerly Sunday school superintendent of the Oakland and Berkeley stakes, and was MIA superintendent of the Berkeley Ward. He is presently director of the Berkeley Second ward choir.

Elder Owens has held key public relations and administrative positions, mostly of an agricultural nature, during 17 years in California.

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SAN JOAQUIN STAKE MIA GIRLS ENJOY CAMPING AT LIAHONA LODGE CAMPSITE

Ninety members of the MIA organization of the San Joaquin Stake enjoyed six days of outing at the Liahona Lodge Campsite July 16 to 21, 1954. The group included 73 girls, eleven of their counsellors, and six visitors. Stake President, Laurna H. Birchall reports that the girls enjoyed an enriched camping experience at the Liahona Lodge. The facilities were completely adequate for the 90 who attended. A well- rounded program was participated in from early morning to late at night. This program including swimming, hiking, handicraft, sports, camp program, and good eating.

The food was ably prepared under the direction of Sister Ray Stamps, formerly of Alameda, who became known as "Cookie" Stamps. Delightful foods were enjoyed including roasts in duth ovens, pigs in blankets, foil cooking, roasting ears and eggs, bacon and pancakes, cooked on top of the stove. Girls expressed the food part of the camp as being "yummy." But in spite of the real good eating, the spiritual feasting of Sunday seemed to be the highlight of the whole trip.

Sunday School was held in the grove at 10:00 a.m., and classes were conducted for each age group under the direction of Thomas D. Birchall, high counsellor from San Joaquin Stake. Sacramento was adminstered and the girls rendered beautiful music under the direction of Sister Alldredge.

Sunday afternoon was spent in Round Robin Storage Alley, nature walks, resting and visiting. At 5 p.m. Sacramento meeting was conducted by Brother Ross Tanner, Stake Superintendent. Inspirational talks and music were given by the girls and their leaders.

Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. to all in camp, including the visitors. Later that Sunday afternoon, the fireside testimonial was held in the Lodge. This particular meeting proved to be one of those never to be forgotten experiences. Many hearts were opened and girls not of our faith have asked for baptism.

Girls were in camp from 9 wards of the San Joaquin Stake. Modesto sent 18, Turlock 13, Stockton 2nd Ward 4, Tracy 7, Brentwood 8, Manteca 11, Stockton 1st Ward 9, Oakdale 6, Sonora 1; 7 Stake Board members were present in the camp, and 6 visitors. The group included 11 counsellors. President Laurna C. Birchall adds this in her report:

"We feel that we were greatly blessed by being able to enjoy Camp Liahona and we wish to thank the members of the Liahona Club. May they continue to encourage young people in good camping. This is the sincere hope of your neighboring stake, San Joaquin."

It is pleasant to be able to report that Sister Birchall included a check to the Liahona Club for $25.00 as a token of the appreciation of the girls for an opportunity of camping in the beautiful mountain campsite, the Liahona Lodge.

BURGON'S BUNGLED SENTENCES SUBMITTED AGAIN BY READERS

Thanks to "Bookcraft," the publisher of so many of our best church books. Through the liberal contributions of the manager, Bro. Marvin W. Wallin, to "The Messenger," we are awarding the prize "In Memorium" of John A. Widtsoe, to every participant in the August contest. Please notice in your library of church books that "BOOKCRAFT" is printed on the back edge of so many of these choice books. Books like these make the best of Christmas presents, the effect of which carries on into the eternities.

We have chosen a sentence sent in by Sister Claire Engel of East Richmond Ward for our September game. Congratulations, Sister Engel. You have received your book and all other participants will have received theirs right soon. If any participant fails to receive a copy, please notify us, and we will gladly send one to you again.

With regrets we apologize for the printer in the August sentences. He not only bungled up the bungled but omitted one important word altogether. So, with Sis. Engel's contribution we will reprint the two August sentences and will award prizes for solutions of any one of the three. If you have already received your copy, send in again, just for the fun of it and include your bungled sentence for October. It may be chosen for publication. So let's all try again. Here they are: Sister Engel's first:

HET STOGHUIRE HALLS EB IN VESIGNLATER BRANECMREEM.

Sister Sander's second:

AODTYS ASPIRLITU MANEAI AYM GIBNRA ASD KNAIGANEW WORTROOM

Sister Fisher's third:

HET VOLE FO DOG ROF ISH RIHENDCL RESSASPSU LAL TENDARUGNSIND.

By the way, if you already have won your copy, we'll send the second if you win. They will help with the Christmas presents. So, we'll be hearing from you. Address all communications to H. W. Burgon, 634 27th St., Richmond, California.

Localites Go South For Beneficial Life Insurance Confab

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickenlooper, Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Nackos, Mr. and Mrs. Lee T. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman R. Parker, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Taylor recently returned from a convention held by the Beneficial Life Insurance Company at Coronado, California.

This convention was one of two regional conventions being held this year by the Beneficial Life Insurance Company.

It is further announced that Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swayze, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Redford, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rollins, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ritchie will be attending the second regional convention of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company to be held in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, August 30th to September 2nd.

It is announced that over 160 people are included in attendance at each convention representing Utah, Idaho, California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, and Nevada.

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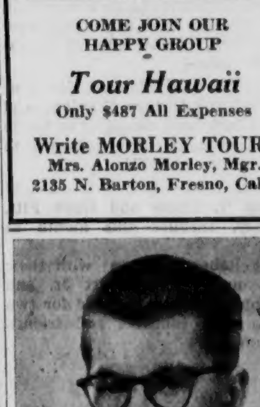

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Dr. Sperry's Views On Book of Mormon Given in Hayward

Where is the Urim and Thummin today? No word has ever been published to date on this question, said the lecturer. But he added that he had read an original statement in the hand-writing of former Church President Wilford Woodruff regarding that sacred instrument. In this statement, President Woodruff states that the Prophet Joseph Smith invited members of the Twelve to his home after Christmas day, 1841, and there and then showed them the Urim and Thummin which were at that date in his possission.

Reflections

Vinal G. Mauss

"PEACE AGE"

The sentiments of every American were expressed recently by one of our great Americans when he declared, "WE MUST MAKE IT THE AGE OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATIVE PEACE."

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ROY BLASER TELLS WHAT THE PROFESSOR SAID ABOUT SOUTH AMERICAN INCA RUINS

Roy Blaser showed pictures in the Berkeley chapel, Sept. 17, and related a long and intriguing series of conversations he had a few years ago with a South American archeologist of high rank, Dr. Leo Pucher, while they were traveling together to see great Inca ruins in the high Andes Mountains of Bolivia.

Formed in an interest-holding narrative style and with many witticisms and much good humor, Mr. Blaser told how he drew from the professor provoking parallels, between the deductions of the archeologists and the inferences of the Book of Mormon.

Meeting the professor fortunately in La Plaz, capital of Bolivia, Blaser and his companion, Doctor Jones, dean of Education at Pennsylvania State College, were able to journey in the archaeologist's party to the Inca ruins high in the Bolivian Andes from La Plaz. A large audience enjoyed the lecture and pictures

Some of the more pertinent parallels mentioned between these very early Inca civilizations and the peoples of the Book of Mormon were:

(1) They were worshippers of a higher order than sun-worshippers and had an evident connection with early Palestinian and Babylonian peoples.

(2) The forefathers of these Incas came to this land as early as 3,000 B.C.

(3) The archaeologists have found at least three tablets of gold with Hebrew characters, and many blank gold sheets.

(4) Prof. Pucher replied, when Blaser told him the Book of Mormon writers spoke of their horses, that he, the professor, was the *first* researcher to discover fossils of ancient American horses.

(5) Dr. Pucher was delighted to learn that the LDS have a record concerning a people coming to America from the Tower of Bable in boats as early as 2300 B.C. He said he had long felt the need of a better theory of old-new world connections than the theory of the tremendously long and hazardous journey across Siberia and the Behring straits or land bridge, then down the full length of the North American and Central American coasts, across Panama, and over the high Andes to Bolivia.

(6) The professor told of finding proofs that the Incas used the roller and the wheel just as implied in the chariots of Nephite mention.

(7) When told that the records of the Book of Mormon mention elephants Dr. Pucher showed Bleazer fossil vertebral sections of animals of the mastodon species found in the lands of the Incas.

(8) Book of Mormon speaks of people being skilled in stone work. The Incas stone work still intact shows such close fitting joints that even today a knife blade cannot be inserted in the cracks between the huge 200-ton blocks.

(9) As to possession of metals as the divine record states, the professor said there is no possible explanation of the expert stone work still standing excepting the use of metallic tools. National Geographic Magazine, October, 1950, shows these Inca ruins.

(10) The Incas possessed a tradition that their empire was founded by four brothers and that the oldest was the dominant personality: evidently Laman, Lemuel, Nephi, and Sam.

(11) The Inca's tradition tells that their second civilization was a warring civilization. The Book of Mormon tells that after the centuries of peace that followed Christ's Nephite ministry, came the period of Nephite-Lamanite wars.

(12 Dr. Pucher said the Inca tradition tells that great earthquakes at one time entirely changed their civilization. The Nephite record tells of similar desructions during the sad 3-days of darkness on the Western Continents, while Christ was in his tomb in Jerusalem.

(13) Drilling off South America's shore for oil one company struck hard structures and discovered evidence of a buried city of same age as the land cities of the Incas, thus verifying accounts of cities sinking into the sea during the three days of destruction mentioned above.

Holbrook Appointed Director Agric. Dept Chamber Commerce

NEIL K. HOLBROOK

Neil K. Holbrook, of the Orinda Branch, and teacher of the Walnut Creek Ward seminary, was recently appointed Director of the Agricultural Department of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

Succeeding Richard W. Owens who was appointed last month executive Secretary-Treasurer of the California Farm Bureau Federation, Elder Holbrook is resigning his position as a member of the faculty at the University of California. Before coming to California, he was Extension Editor at the Utah State Agricultural College and a former Salt Lake City newspaperman.

In his newly-won position, Holbrook's primary responsibilities as head of the Agricultural Department, will be to advance the agricultural interests of California and to coordinate business and industry in protecting and developing California's agriculture. He will work with committees and organizations in developing proposed legislation designed for the advancement of agriculture.

Holbrook was complimentary of his LDS predecessor, Elder Owens who is well-known throughout the state by key legislators, agriculturalists, and top government officials. Holbrook pointed out that the State Senate unanimously adopted a resolution recently citing Owens for his outstanding work as an agricultural legislative representative.

With his wife and three children, Elder Holbrook resides at 89 Loma Vista Drive in Orinda. They are active in the Orinda Branch. Neil K. has served as associate editor for the Messenger.

Inter-Stake Recreation Area Idea Approved by Four Stakes

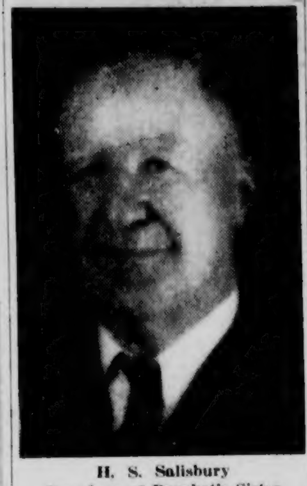
A plan to eventually acquire a suitable recreation and camping grounds for the conjoint enjoyment of the members of several bay area stakes was approved by several of the stakes concerned in September and will be considered by other stakes at meetings in October, it is announced.

No site has been selected at present but consideration will be given soon by inter-stake committees to several areas provided the price and facilities are very favorable for the purposes of camping and outdoor recreation for families and organizational groups of the stakes.

The newly projected camping program of the General Board of the Mutual Improvement Association is thought now responsible for a renewal at this time of interest in a large inter-stake project of this character.

The Berkeley Stake priesthood approved of the general plan, at a meeting held September 18, 1954.

The Prophets Sister Testifies She Lifted The B. of M. Plates



H. S. Salisbury
Grandson of Prophet's Sister

H. S. Salisbury, a living grandson of Catherine Smith Salisbury, sister to Joseph Smith, the Prophet, was interviewed by Isaac B. Ball., August 31, 1954, while he was visiting at the home of his son, Dr. W. W. Salisbury. At this time Mr. H. S. Salisbury, whose home is in San Rafael, California, retold the testimony he had heard Catherine Smith Salisbury give relative to the Prophet's actually possessing the golden plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated. Perhaps this man is the last one on earth who ever heard such a testimony from the lips of a witness to the truth of Joseph's claim.

Moreover, as far as we can find out, Catherine S. Salisbury is the only female witness to the Book of Mormon plates besides the Prophet's mother, Lucy Mack Smith. She thus is one of the choice, small circle given to bear first hand witness to the truthfulness of the Prophet's assertions regarding possession of the gold plates.

We repeat the interview for whatever it may be worth

The interview of Mr. H. S. Salisbury was recorded on a dictograph as follows:

QUESTION:

"Mr. Salisbury, at one time I had a conversation with you in which you were kind enough to mention a testimony which your grandmother, Catherine Salisbury gave to you in regard to the fact that the Prophet did possess the plates on which the Book of Mormon was translated. I wonder if you would be kind enough to tell us now on what occasion it was that she told you this story? Where were you living at that time and why did she relate this to you?"

MR. SALISBURY:

"Mr. Ball, I was then in my 45th year, as I remember it, and County Surveyor of Hancock County, Illinois, and I was visiting my grandmother at her home in Hancock County, near Fountain Green, when I asked her for some recollections of her brother, the Prophet Joseph Smith. Catherine Smith Salisbury then told me that while dusting up the room where th Prophet had his study she saw a package on the table containing the gold plates on which was engraved the story of the Book of Mormon. She said she hefted those plates and found them very heavy like gold and also rippled her fingers up the edge of the plates and felt that they were separate metal plates and heard the tinkle of sound that they made."

QUESTION:

"Thank you very much. We have heard then a very rare testimony given by the only man, I suppose, upon the earth today who could give a testimony direct from one of the sisters of the Prophet Joseph Smith to the affect that he did have the plates. Now Mr. Salisbury, you also mentioned that Katherine, your grandmother was at the home of the Smith family in Manchester when the Prophet came with the plates he had received from the Angel Moroni on Hill Cumorah. It is recorded in Church history, you recall, that he was attacked on his way home from the Hill Cumorah with these plates; attacked by some ruffians, and had to defend himself with a good deal of vigor. Now I should like to ask you if Katherine told you anything about that, and how her brother did appear when he came into the home with those plates."

MR. SALISBURY:

"When Katherine Smith Salisbury, the Prophet's sister, told me that she was there when he came in running and burst through the door carryng the plates; and that his hand was injured from striking one of the villains. He told her that he had jumped over

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Oakland, San Francisco Stakes Mia Maids and Bee Hive Girls Camp at Cazadero Redwoods

By Rhea Gustaveson

Oakland and San Francisco Mia Maids and Bee Hive Girls with their leaders—all tired, but happy—arrived home from their week's encampment at Cazadero Redwood Camp Monday, Sept. 6th. All agreed that it was one of the happiest experiences of their lives, and are eagerly making plans for another year.

Bidding a fond farewell to the girls (who were laden with Hawaiian leis) as the buses and cars rolled away, were the camp staff, which included the Boyack family. (Mr. Boyack is camp manager, and played an important part in the success of the camp. He was ever ready to help in any way, advising, stimulating, encouraging, and last but not least, talking to the girls informally at their Sunday Evening Service and Fireside. No one could have reached the hearts of the girls, answering their many questions and giving inspired advice and council, as did he. He and his family have become endeared to all who were there.)

The group were especially privileged to have President and Mrs. Serge Lauper of San Francisco Stake, with two of their family, as visitors Sunday morning. Pres. Lauper talked to the girls at the Testimony Meeting. Oakland Stake was represented by High Councilman Rulon Doxey and his charming wife. Brother Doxey also participated in the Sunday morning service. High Councilman Eldon Reid and his talented wife Elayne, who was a welcome asset to our camp staff of last year, arrived with their five children early Sunday morning in time for the Inspitational period. (Who said it couldn't be done?)

A special guest and visitor, Patriarch I. B. Ball of Berkeley, inspired the girls with his impressive remarks and response at the banquet, which was held following Sunday services honoring all guests. Brother Ball was accompanied by a Messenger photographer. Musical numbers, toasts, and interesting decorations enhanced the affair.

Let's Remember

"Let's Remember" was the general theme of the week. Besides the regular activities of swimming, canoeing, hiking, campcrafts, singing, etc., each day brought about interesting and special events. On Monday, after the girls had been divided into Bee Hive and Mia Maid camps and participated in a full day of activities, the girls were welcomed at the camp fire ceremony with interesting stunts and skits by the camp staff. This was followed by a friendship campfire ceremony, at which time lanterns were presented by the Mia Maids to Bee Hive girls honoring their fourtieth anniversary.

On Tuesday, Dale Roe of the Alameda County Red Cross demonstrated water safety and canoeing. Among the outstanding numbers at the evening's Talent Show were the songs and dances by Elsie Fonoimoana of Alameda and Lana Le'o of San Francisco. These girls, both of Somoan ancestry, were school mates in Hawaii and were reunited at camp.

Horseback riding, a cook-out, a pioneer campfire program which included folk dancing directed by Grace Boyack and the presentation of our traditional Indian legend "Redwing," written especially for this camp by Patricia Hilton Shumway, were events for Frontier's Day. President Verna Jackson of Oakland Stake Y.W. and Virginia Jones, Sports Director, were visitors.

Let's Pretend

"Let's Pretend" Day, under the direction of the Jr. Counselors, was enhanced with the cleverly organized treasure hunt. In the evening, following the skits and stunts, a "sneak" hike (moonlight) was ar-

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We Visit a Seminary Class at Early Hour And Find It's Fun

A car-full of five Berkeley high school girls and boys, laughingly hustled out of their auto in front of the LDS Institute of Religion in Berkeley, Monday, September 13, at five minutes before seven and tripped up the stairs and into the mansion to greet Seminary teacher and institute head, Lee Kenner for the opening session of this Berkeley area LDS seminary for 1954-1955.

We fellowed the noisy five into the building, and were welcomed by Instructor Kenner, as the first ones to arrives that morning. Twenty-one Berkeley high students had registered by the time the class got under way at 7:15 a.m.

The strange thing to us was that no one commented on the earliness of the hour, but that everyone was so gay and wide-awake at such a time of day.

It seemed more like assembling for an early morning start on some vacation-time trip than the beginning of a semester of Old Testament study. It evidently was an occasion for polity and good fellowship along with the more staid matter of acquiring a bit of Biblical knowledge. And the teacher was just as jolly and full of quips and repartee as anyone else.

Yet when Elder Kenner passed out the Bibles and sketched briefly the dramatic episodes in the lives of the great people which will comprise the course of study, a quietness fell over the class as silent as the dawn of the morning over the bay seen in the distance. Every eye followed the enthusiastic teacher intently. But the bubbling aliveness started anew as time came for leaving and everyone hurried off for high school.

Registering for the five-day a week course were:

Claremont Ward: Mildred Anderson, Rhea Barton, Judy Leighton, Jeannie Reiche, John Reiche, Carol Stoddard and George Warford.

Berkeley First: Nina Paulson, Sunya Evans, Charles and Walt Carter, Osmond Call, Suzanne Fife, Ynette and Caroline Eyring, Julie Harmon, Madeline Severline, Beggie Anne Duker, Don Jarman, Dick Johnson, Joanne Basinger, and Margie Sabine.

Berkeley Second. Shirley and Linda Baer, Kathleen Ricks.

Seek Information Re Paul Zeuner

George E. Southgate of Salt Lake City desires information regarding his old friend, the late Paul Zeuner, of Oakland who died in 1952, just after completing a temple record of thousands of names. Brother Southgate helped on this record and would now like to make sure that record and accompanying research notes, guides and family history has been deposited with the archives of the Church Geneological Society in Salt Lake City.

Please send any information concerning Brother Zeuner to Elder Southgate, 2008 Lincoln Lane, Holladay, Salt Lake City 7, Utah. . . .

Great Grandson of Prophet's Sister Well-Known Scientist

Dr. W. W. Salisbury of Lafayette is a distinguished electronics engineer who was prominent with Dr. Lawrence in designing the first "atom smasher" on the hill above the University of California.

He is a direct descendent of Joseph Smith, Jr., being a great-grandson of Catherine Smith Salisbury, sister to the Prophet.

Over 7 Tons Food Stored in Homes In One Ward in 1 Year

One dynamic assault on the problem of storing a year's food supply in the homes of church members is reported by San Mateo Ward on page five of this issue of the Messenger. Bracing reading!

The San Mateo Ward welfare committee has placed approximately seven tons of storable food in ward homes in one and one-half years time, it is reported. And the food in ward homes is in vermin-proof containers.

Five-gallon cans of wheat, five-pound cans of honey, and other items such as beans, peas, dehydrated fruit, dried prunes, and dried milk sealed in pliofilm bags—that spells out the simple, safe and convenient packaging.

Delivered to the homes, and billed for payment concludes the business-like procedure of the committee.

Other wards and stakes report definite progress. Berkeley Stake Food Committee is set to supply ward members kits of food sufficient for one year's supply for two adults. Several kits are thus sufficitnt for larger family units.

Series of Popular Discussions Of Mormon Position Announced; T. S. Ferguson Speaks for LDS

"Is the Book of Mormon an authentic history of ancient Mexico and Central Mexico brought forth by the power of God" will be the beginning subject of a series of seven public discussions October 14-18, in Oakland between a college professor and Attorney Thomas Stuart Ferguson, co-author of "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon."

After the pattern of not too satisfactory early-day debates by leading elders of the Church before large audiences, another local trial will be made to arouse widespread interest in the Church by the use of the public platform in dignified debate. Other subjects for the pro and con series of talks which are to be held at 2808 35th Avenue in Oakland, will be: "The doctrine of baptism for the dead, as practiced by the Mormons, was also practiced by the early Christians, and its use in harmony with the Bible," and "The Kingdom of God was not upon the earth in its fulness from the fourth century A.D. until 1830 A.D."

The first four evenings of the series will be devoted to the Book of Mormon proposition stated above.

Scott Barrett of the Claremont Ward is announced as moderator for the meetings and also assistant to Elder Ferguson. No audience demonstrations will be permitted but purchase of the Book of Mormon by the audience will be invited.

"I am going to do my level best to convert Joe Gilmore, pastor of the Church of Christ, and co-sponsor of the debates, and his congregation," said Elder Fergnson when the announcement of the meetings was given out. No name was presented as to the speaker on the negative side, but it was understood he is to be a professor from one of the schools of the Church of Christ. This sect goes back, it was explained, to Alexander Campbell with whom Sidney Rigdon was associated before Parley P. Pratt presented him with a copy of the Book of Mormon.

The meetings are announced for 8 p.m. each evening except the last one which will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday afternoon, October 24. All interested in attending the series are advised to be present as early as 7:15 p.m., on account of the strict limitation of seats in the hall. By 7:30 all seats are expected to be filled and many turned away.

Berkeltw Second Ward Bazaar, Harvest Festival Features First Annual Cake Baking Competition

Among the new features of the Berkeley Second Ward Bazaar and Harvest Festival to be held the evening of October 9, 1954, in the Berkeley Chapel will be a cake baking contest open to all women (and men) of the stake. It is hoped that this competition will become an annual event of interest to all. Those desiring to enter a cake need only bring their delicasies to the festival prior to 7:30 p.m. Awards will be given and the prize-winning cakes will be sold later in the evening.

The usual variety of games, food, and other items will be on sale, together with balloons, movies, and ice cream.. All church members are urged to come and bring their neighbors for an evening of fun and bargains.

Fourteen LDS Seminaries Greet High School Youths From Palo Alto to Concord

Seminaries for Bay Area high school boys and girls of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints really had its most auspicious opening Monday, September 13, in fourteen centers in Palo Alto, Oakland and Berkeley Stakes. Director Lee Kenner forecast seminaries also for San Francisco and Santa Rosa stakes one year hence.

Happy, jolly, alert groups of secondary school boys and girls bubbled over with good fellowship at the early hour of seven as they assembled for study of the foundation books underpinning faith in God and the well-being of Society.

Classes gathered in ward chapels for the most part but in a few cases in private homes. Teachers were men of various background and callings. Some are teachers in secondary and elementary schools, and some are successful businessmen. Six seminaries opened in Oakland Stake, four in Palo Alto Stake and four in Berkeley Stake.

In Oakland Stake the seminary group met in the Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Oakland Third and Alameda chapels and in the Oakland Fourth in a rented meeting place.

In Palo Alto separate groups met at ward chapels in Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Mateo and Burlingame. In Berkeley Stake the Berkeley-Claremont boys and girls who attend the Berkeley high school met at the LDS Institute near the U.C. campus; the Albany-El Cerrito high school group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hopkins, in El Cerrito; in Concord the seminary met in the new chapel while the Walnut Creek area group met in a home.

INSTRUCTORS NAMED

Instructors for the fourteen seminaries were listed by the area supervision, Lee Kenner, as follows:

In Palo Alto Stake, Jesse N. Benson, former teacher and present businessman in Redwood City; Carl W. Pall, Jr., in Palo Alto; Willard Richards Card, a businessman in San Mateo.

In Oakland Stake: Max Blair, elementary school teacher at Hayward; Alton Davis, a high school teacher, at San Lorenzo; Leslie Wheeler, a former high school teacher from Provo, now an elementary school teacher in San Leandro; Dayle Fullmur, elementary school teacher, at Oakland Fourth; Charles Renshaw, teacher and student, S. F. State College, at Oakland First-Fifth; and Dan Harrison, an elementary school teacher, at Alameda.

In Berkeley Stake: Duane Crooks, elementary school teacher, at Concord; Neil Holbrook, public relations man for State Chamber of Commerce at Walnut Creek; Dr. Reed Story, high school teacher at El Cerrito, and Lee Kenner, director of Berkeley LDS Institute, at Berkeley.

Mrs. Gustav Schier In New Fall Series Genealogical Talks

Mrs. Gustav Schier, the popular lecturer of San Francisco Stake, will open a new series of four talks on genealogy research for Berkeley Stake in October, in the Berkeley Chapel.

The talks will be given on Wednesday evenings of October 20 and 27, and of November 3 and 10, in the Berkeley Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Stake Conferences Last Quarter 1954

San Francisco, Oct. 9-10; Santa Rosa, Nov. 6-7; Berkeley, Nov. 13-14; Oakland, Nov. 20-21; Palo Alto Nov. 27-28;

Missionaries Sell 243 Books of Mormon

The 68 missionaries laboring in the Northern California Mission under the direction of president Thomas W. Gardner and his counselors report 289 baptisms for 1954 through August.

The missionaries in August sold 243 Books of Mormon, loaned 123 copies, distributed 4806 tracts first hand, and 564 other books. Average expense per missionary for the month stands at $58.06, ranging from an average of $50.80 in the Shasta District to $63.51 in the Monterey district.

The three high marks in distributing Books of Mormon in August were 12, 12, and 11, by three individual elders in the Monterey Bay district. Four other missionaries distributed ten copies each in various districts to win a place among the top seven in this regard.

Commenting upon the question whether the missionaries are always giving their best efforts, or are holding back because of a fear that the people won't accept them, the editor of the Mission bulletin quotes Doctrines and Covenants 60:2-3:

"But with some I am not well pleased, for they will not open their mouths, but they hide the talent which I have given unto them, because of the fear of man. Woe unto such, for mine anger is kindled against them. And it shall come to pass, if they are not more faithful unto me, it shall be taken away, even that which they have"

Vinal Mauss Joins Realty Sales Force Of Joseph C. Eyring

Vinal G. Mauss, recently released president of the Japanese Mission, has joined the realty sales force of the Eyring Realty Company, located at 1650 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, according to an announcement in September by Joe Eyring, president of the company.

Brother Mauss, also has charge of sales for the Eyring company of lots in the Garden Estate subdivisions in Alamo, near Danville. Available are 23 half-acre lots with new ranch-type homes

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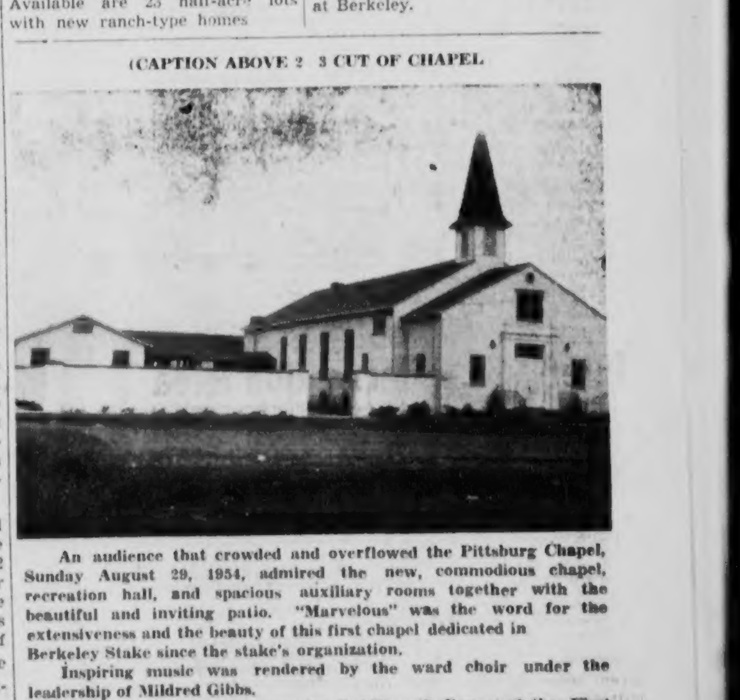

An audience that crowded and overflowed the Pittsburg Chapel, Sunday August 29, 1954, admired the new, commodious chapel, recreation hall, and spacious auxiliary rooms together with the beautiful and inviting patio. "Marvelous" was the word for the extensiveness and the beauty of this first chapel dedicated in Berkeley Stake since the stake's organization.

Inspiring music was rendered by the ward choir under the leadership of Mildred Gibbs.

The dedicatory prayer was by S. Dilworth Young of the First Council of Seventy.

OAKLAND STAKE

Carl W. Beuhner, R. Lee Kenner Call Full Activity Priesthood Program; Church Seminary, Institute Support

CARL W. BEUHNER

By Dale Roe

Aaronic Priesthood programs for those under 21 and for those over 21, and the ward teaching program were emphasized at Oakland LDS Stake's quarterly conference sessions September 4 and 5, with Carl W. Beuhner of the Presiding Bishopric and Robert Lee Kenner, LDS Institute director at the University of California, representing church general authorities. Conference music was furnished by the stake choir, with Esterella Olszonka directing, and Pearl Bliss accompanying.

"Come Back, My Son," a movie which dramatized the return of a senior member of the Aaronic Priesthood to full activity in the church, set the theme for the conference sessions on Saturday evening.

Frank Rowe Jr., president of the Senior Deacons' quorum in Castro Valley, spoke, and Oakland Ward Bishop Frank C. Higham expressed appreciation for secretaries, advisors and all members of the Aaronic Priesthood.

Elder Beuhner, pointing out the importance of an active program, showed that there are 91,000 heads of families in the senior Aaronic priesthood, and 160,000 heads of families with little or no activity.

"Ward teaching experience, even when it starts with a thrown shoe, or a slammed door, can build a good spirit in the home and can bring our men back into activity. We're succeeding."

For Sunday morning's session, all of the young people from 12 to 21 were seated in the downstairs section.

Recreation Center And Tabernacle

President Wright gave a report on plans for a recreation center and tabernacle on Temple hill to serve this whole area. He also discussed "family responsibility toward ward teachers" for a quiet hearing of their message.

Gary Heiner, a deacon from Oakland Fifth Ward; Jay Rounds, a teacher of Oakland Second; and Richard Finch, Oakland Fourth ward priest, discussed the Aaronic Priesthood program. Robert Bird, a senior teacher from San Lorenzo ward, and Claudia Lamkin, Hayward ward, spoke. Daniel P. Starks, recently returned from a mission in Southern California, reported on growth of the Church in that area.

Brother Beuhner, concluding Sunday morning's session, dramatized how the church welfare plan worked when Salt Lake City was flooded three years ago; he also detailed the story of President McKay's visit to the Queen of the Netherlands and of how he was able to graciously refuse to take a cup of tea with her majesty.

Brother Kenner talked to young people about their being "lights on a hill," and urged them to seek learning by study as well as by faith. He showed how necessary youth training is in these days of serious delinquency problems and stories of atrocities committed by youngsters who are not trained in Gospel principles.

Opening Sunday afternoon's session, Pres. Elmo R. Smith stressed the importance of works with faith, and said it is not enough to say "be clothed, be fed," or "be learned, or have testimony," but we must teach slowly, carefully, and reteach, and live as examples, and work for progression a little each day.

Pres. Milton P. Ream reported on the stake mission progress (110 baptized to July 1), and the need for more people to help with the program.

Chaplain Marsh Heard

Herbert Marsh, for 20 months a chaplain in Korea, stressed the importance of counseling and teaching young people that they might come to a testimony like Paul's.

Winifred Heath of San Leandro ward discussed "How activity in the church has helped our home."

Brother Kenner urged young people to build on the solid rock of testimony and service, and to seek first the kingdom of God.

Brother Beuhner reported that statistics show the people in Oakland Stake to be good people. He related a story of a paralyzed man and his blind friend who made possible ward teaching visits to 90 per cent of the families in their district over an eight year period.

Oakland Stake

Tribute Paid to Late Josie Davis for Relief Society Work

By Beatrice Uffens

The mother of Amelia Everett, Josie Davis was a model of a devoted Relief Society worker, spending almost all of her California days in Oakland ward, it was there her extreme devotion to duty was ever in evidence, although she was one of the oldest visiting teachers on the records of the Church.

She never failed in her visits although it entailed two or three extra visits in order to find persons at home and leave the message.

Moreover, Sister Davis was the last one to leave our meetings, ever mindful whether there was something she could do to help. On work days she would remain until six or seven o'clock to finish work even when she did not feel well.

She had five sons (not four as reported). Bishop J. Ward Green, Berkeley Second Ward, is a cousin to Sister Davis.

Metropolitan Called But LDS Ideals of Motherhood Won

Climaxing a career on weekly radio symphony programs over Hollywood Columbia Broadcasting Station, and endless stage, radio, and concert appearance, Emmy Stam, then Emmy Van Hoff, was offered a scholarship at the famous Juliar School of Music in New York. From there one often goes "skip and a jump" to the Metropolitan Opera House.

It was at this juncture that Sister Stam felt the pull of the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ. "Shall I forsake a singing career for a family of children?"

Despite the humbler station which her final decision entailed, Emmy says today, "I have never been sorry." And she concluded, "My children needed me much more than the Metropolitan."

Goodbye Centerville Branch; Welcome Centerville Ward

By Bessie Purdy

Centerville Branch is no more. From 19 members it had grown to 309, and now become Centerville Ward.

September 12 was a very impressive meeting. Pres. Wright, his counselors and stake secretary and four members of the high council were present. President Wright told us the story of the ship Brooklyn and reviewed the life of Samuel Brannan, whose opportunities were limitless but who chose temporal blessings instead of spiritual values. Pres. Wright said that in spite of everything the Lord's work will go on. Those of us who are called to do His work are very privileged and the greater effort we put forth, the greater our joy and satisfaction will be.

Brother and Sister Lindsay pioneered the way, and it is through their efforts that the little branch is now Centerville Ward. Francis Winkel is our bishop and Andy Hunt and Jed Oxborrow his counselors.

Our retiring president spoke, and then our new bishopric were called on in turn. They are all outstanding men, humble, willing, and eager to make our new ward one of the best. They all gave credit to the help of their fine wives and appreciation for all Bro. and Sister Lindsay have done. Brother Wright paid a beautiful tribute to Sister Lindsay and the women of the ward for their help and cooperation.

Wilford Webb of the high council, our former bishop of Hayward, gave a short talk.

Another very important event was the opening of our Junior Sunday School in the little yellow house on our Church lot. Sister Lindsay is in charge. Brother Ross Pugmire made the little benches and Sister Lindsay and others under her supervision had the room attractive for Sunday morning.

Brother Clyde and Sister Marie Lindsay left Wednesday morning, Sept. 15, for Washington D.C. for a three weeks vacation. They will visit their son Kay and his family. They are anticipating a fine time. All our love and good wishes go with them. Bessie Purdy.

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Elder Herbert Marsh Home From Korean Service as Chaplain

By Mildred Fontano

Herbert Marsh our former stake mission president is home after eighteen months service as a chaplin in the U. S. Army in the Korean area. Parents should not worry about their sons over there. "They are well fed," he added. Elder Harold B. Lee was in Korea meeting and encouraging the L. D. S. boys at the time Elder Marsh left for home.

VINAL MAUSS FAMILY MOVING

We are sorry to loose the Vinal Mauss family. Brother Mauss is an alternate in the stake high council, a former bishop of the Oakland ward, and former president of the Japanese Mission. They are moving to the Walnut Creek area in Berkeley Stake to accept a promotion in employment.

Architect Theodore Ruegg and wife Vanita were in the bay area mixing business with pleasure. Ted brought plans for the completion of the Vallejo chapel of twenty-five class rooms and a chapel to seat over five hundred.

Mrs. Ruegg will continue as director of the Reno playground in hand - craft for the duration of the school year.

Myron S. Christensen councellor to Bp. John H. Webster of San Leandro ward, and his good wife are in Panama for a three weeks vacation, and on company business problems.

Welfare: Thousands of cans of the best fruits and vegetables have been prepared and canned in the welfare cannery under direction of our licensed supervisor, Bro. Paine.

Richard Johnson former secretary of the elders quorum was sustained as counselor to Bp. Frank C. Higham in the Oakland ward, replacing E. Dean Ogden who has moved.

Marion G. Stephens of the Senior Citizens Committee is improving after a siege in the hospital.

Daniel Sturks of Castro Valley ward has returned home with an honourable release from his mission in southern California.

The Welfare Carnival and Bazaar was a financial success Sept 25 at the welfare plant. This affair drew all the members of the stake for a social day. Everyone enjoys the good foods prepared, and the many home-made articles for sale in the white elephant room, grocery store, home appliances department.

Gail Gragun is home with his wife and children after about ten years spent in occupied Germany. He sent his family to the U. S. two years ago when state entanglements seemed serious. Gail helped fly the "Air Lift" and has since been in the Army secret service.

Daniel Wesley Jones of the Oakland School teachers association spent two months touring Europe.

Amy Jones Curtis of Oakland ward spent several months in the Southern States looking up the Daniel Webster genealogy. She is now in Salt Lake City working in the Genealogical Office.

Did you read the Look Magazine for the week of Sept. 20? A fine article about the Mormons by our own Richard L. Evans.

Chinese Branch

First Branch Sunday Sacrament Meeting Held in September

The Chinese branch held its first evening sacrament meeting Sept. 12, 1954, the speakers being May Woo and Pres. James W. Challis. Janet Owen sang a solo, accompanied by Helen Woo. The time is 5:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Our first basketball game was played with San Francisco Ward Sept. 15th.

We will miss Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Wu, who have moved to Washington D.C. They have been very interested in gaining a testimony of the Gospel.

Thanks to all the young people for making posters for the stake operetta "H.M.S. Pinafore." The posters used in all the wards were made by the young people of our Branch.

BR. PRES. MESSAGE: We need periodically to step aside and view the parade of life going by to notice the individual actions making up the floats in this parade. Are the deeds performed adding up to meet the obligations we must accept in this life? To our fathers and mothers who have struggled for us, who have helped us attain that which is now ours, to our children, our brothers and sisters, our relatives and our friends who have brought joy into our lives, and to our country for the liberty, freedom of thought and action which for us is guaranteed. Yes, to these our obligations are clear and accepted with enthusiasm. We strive through gaining knowledge, wealth and power to measure up to the duties thus imposed.

A Day at the Redwood Cazadero Camp with Oakland, S.F. Girls

By I. B. Ball

The chances are you don't know where Berkeley City's Cazadero Camp is anymore than we did that Sunday morning, Sept. 5, when Mr. and Mrs. Rulon Doxey, their friend Mrs. Lanz, and I, started for the camp which we knew was somewhere northward from S. F. Bay in the Russian River county of Central California. But young John Franz knew.

John went along to take photographs for the Messenger at Cazadero Camp. The rest of us journeyed to the camp to visit the hundred five MIA girls and their leaders from Oakland and San Francisco Stakes. The girls had been a week there, and were holding an open-air Sunday Fast Service at ten that first Sabbath in September. Rulon Doxey represented the Oakland Stake presidency and had come to preside at the authorized sacrament service. Pres. Serge Lauper and his wife Jean arrived in time for part of the testimony meeting. Present from the S. F. high council was Eldon S. Reid, and his wife.

John took pictures of the group after the services as they sat in the log-seated "Berkeledoro." Lunch followed in the dining room, then a rest period, loafing and visiting.

Too bad: John's eye seems to have been bewitched and all the photos were out of focus.

SOME SURPRISES

The ride to Cazadero Camp was a surprise. That is the last few miles. The rest of the way leads thru familiar Vallejo, Petaluma and Guerneyville. Gradually a two-lane road becomts a two-lane canyon and windy road. We should have been prepared for this but we weren't.

First you pass some Russian River resorts. One river beach was bather-covered to the point of super-saturation, we thought. Then we reached a small branch of the Russian River, and following it, came to Cazadero. They have backed up the stream at the camp thereby providing Cazadero with diving, swimming, and boating facilities.

The camp stretches along the stream for a distance of a long city block or more, tucked in between the redwood-covered hills and the river banks.

Besides the dining hall, and the Berkladero there are perhaps twenty to thirty cabins, some high-sided, and roofed, other low-sided and canvas covered.

Finally there's the office. And there were our old Berkeley friends, Clif and Grace Boyack. Clif has been camp director for ten summers, and Grace, his store manager, postal clerk and gracious camp mother.

To those who need to be told we'll simply add that Clifton Boyack is a popular Berkeley public school principal and member of the bishopric in Berkeley Second Ward. He's also a brother to Wanda Harmon, the wife of res. Harmon of Berkeley Stake. Grace is a Berkeley talented organist and pianist, the daughter of former bishop and Mrs. Le Roy Richards. Roy now serves as a ward clerk in Berkeley Second Ward.

THE GIRLS IN CAMP

We were pleased with the evident orderliness, tidiness, and happiness of all the girls. They appeared as one large family of young sisters, friendly and jolly one with another. The fast meeting was the most touching meeting we remember. The girls arose close upon one another, and each bore emotion-filled testimonies of their increased spiritual joy while in camp, the added love they have towards one another, and towards their counselor leader. Rhea Gustaveson regional camp director, acted as leader of the encampment. She gave evidence of effeciency and radiated kindliness with wise supervision during the week-long camp at Cazadero.

A fuller report of the camp will be found on page one of this issue of the Messenger.

Clear Testimony Regarding Values From Tithing Law

by Stanford D. DeMille

On acount of our circumstances and my indefinite feeling toward the church in January of 1952 my wife and I had not been paying tithing. At that time we were living in a tiny basement apartment with our two children. My salary was small and we had a great many bills. We know a little of what it was to really want. My wife hadn't had a new dress, shoes or anything else in months. The children needed clothes badly, but there simply wasn't money to buy them.

We decided that for one year from that date we would make an honest effort and pay our tithing and see if it did carry with it the blessings that we are told will follow. Though we lacked many things that many people would consider necessities, we took out the 10% first and stretched the rest as far as it would stretch. Yes, we paid our tithing and lived somehow through the winter. Many times I felt quite bitter about trying to pay that 10% when there were so many things we lacked and so many unpaid bills that we had accumulated, but we did anyway.

STILL FELT PUZZLED

During the summer I was very much puzzled to know just what to do. We were having such a hard time in Cedar with the bills that had built up. Our car was old, there was no hope in sight of getting a different one, and a home was some far-away dream that we did not dare even thing of.

One morning in July, before I even dressed completely, I called superintendent Ashman in Richfield to find out if there was any opening in the school. There was no reason for me to think there would be a position open there, but we had been doing considerable worrying and wondering as well as a good deal of praying about what to do.

When I awoke on this particular morning, I had a strong desire to call Mr. Ashman. We had not talked of it before, nor had I even though about it before. Yet, before the sleep was wiped from my eyes, I called and asked him about any possible vacancy. He informed me that just the day before, the commercial teacher in Richfield had notified him that she would not be back and broke her contract. You can call that anything you want, but to me it was definitely an answer to prayer . . .

FOUND PEACE, PROSPERITY

We continued paying our tithing . . . and we were comparing our situation in February of 1953 with what it was in February of 1952. In that one year we had found peace of mind, which is of paramount importance—a suitable automobile—a home, even though it is very humble—and contentment. Do you think that it is worth the 10% it cost? I attribute all these things to prayer and the paying of our tithing.

—by Elder Stanford D. DeMille of the Northern Calif. Mission in the June Mission Bulletin.

Oakland 4th Ward Awarded Trophy

Glenn C. Rounds of the Oakland Stake High Council at the Sunday morning session of quarterly conference, September 5, awarded the stake trophy for outstanding Aaronic Priesthood work in the groups under 21 to the Oakland Fourth ward leaders and members. Bishop Curtis R. Bybee accepted the trophy.

Oakland Fourth ward boys and their leaders placed first by three points. For the quarter ending July 31, Oakland Fourth had 1137 points; Oakland Fifth had 1134 points.

Points are given to the young men for attendance and activity; and to leaders for attendance at priesthood leadership meetings and activities, such as visits to members of quorums and to unordained young men of their wards.

San Leandro

Social Affair and Conference Planned

By Nellemae Tanner

Ward Conference will be held Sunday, October 17. Members of the Stake Presidency, High Council and other stake auxiliaries will be in attendance to give us words of inspiration.

Saturday evening, Sept. 16, our Ward Reunion social and banquet was held in the Recreation hall.

Remember our drive for the new organ is now on! Contributions are most welcome.

If you are not being regularly called upon by the ward teachers, please contact either Brother Haycock or a member of the bishopric, and arrangements will be made.

A word of praise to the men of our soft ball team, nine of whom were able to make the trip to Salt Lake City for the All Church Tournament, held Sept. 14. Those participating received a special medal commemorating the occasion.

Basketball practice starts soon. Let's have a championship basketball team too! You don't really have to be tall.

WELCOME THE MASHES

Welcome home Herb and Mary Marsh and family! Herb was recently discharged from the navy, where he served as L.D.S. chaplain.

The Relief Society organization held an opening social Tuesday, Sept. 28. A luncheon-fashion show was presented featuring styles and new fabrics, with Verna Jackson commentating and ladies of the Relief Society serving as models.

Sister Julia Sylvester will serve as the new Theology leader in the Relief Society.

Superintendent Bozich of the Sunday School welcomes the following new teachers into the faculty: for Junior Sunday school, Helen Davis, Josephine McPhee and Orvetta Urish; for Senior Sunday school, Bob Christensen and Charlene Hathaway.

Primary President Berger welcomes as new workers: Belva Werminski (beginners group) and Marian Schofield (Larks).

THANKS, ELTON FLANER

A vote of thanks to Elton Flaner, outgoing YMMIA superintendent, for his long and faithful service in this position. The new superintendent is Brother Larry Allphin, with Melvin Danielson, age group counselor and Elwood Randall, activity counselor. Sister Norma White will serve as a teacher in the Young Women's Mutual.

Rehearsals for the coming Stake Road Show are now in full swing and, though our theme is a deep secret, San Leandro's contribution will be truly novel and refreshing.

We are happy to welcome Sister Lorraine Haycock, recent convert, into our Ward "family."

Oakland Fourth Ward

Robert Troub is New Sunday School Head

By Gerry Larsen

Robert Troub is new Sunday School superintendent, with Larry Woods and Forrest Poore as counselors.

Dick and Marion McDonald have moved to Elmhurst. Dick has been released as Sunday School superintendent.

Christmas cards and Christmas wrappings are being sold by Primary officers and teachers. Every cent of profit goes to ward welfare and building funds.

Our Aaronic priesthood boys have again, this year, brought home the stake trophy.

"Girls' Award Night" was held at Sacrament meeting September 12. Music and talks by the girls and their leaders, and presentation of 20 awards marked the meeting, which was under the direction of the YWMIA.

Larry Woods drove his daughter, Arlene, to San Diego, where she will attend school at Hoover high.

Anthon Olson has been advanced to Teacher in the Aaronic priesthood.

Ardell Woods is new teacher of the Special interest group of MIA and, along with class officers Gerry Larsen, Larry Woods and Myrtle Green Famariss, expects to promote interest in the regular lessons and in a new series of Firesides.

The Relief Society presidency announces two coming events: an opening social in the latter part of September, and a fall bazaar.

Sunset

Freda H. Raub Attends School Lunch Program

(Omitted by mistake in last issue)

Freda H. Raub was one of nearly 100 school lunch personnel who met the week of August 2 to 6 on the campus of the Humboldt State College at Arcata, California, for a short summer course. The course of study was in the nature of nutrition and menu planning.

Sister Raub is engaged in this work at the Galileo high school in San Francisco. The school lunch workershop was sponsored jointly by the state college and the California State Department of Education. The state school lunch nutritionist directed the workshop.

Urim and Thummin

The little understood Urim and Thummin was the subject of several enlightening comments by Dr. Sperry. Reasoning from D & C 130:8, 9, the conclusion was expressed that the stones of the Urim and Thummin are celestial or celestialized stones "whereby things pertaining to a higher order of kingdoms" are made known to seers using the instrument.

Where are the three Nephites who are to remain on the earth until the return of the Savior? We do not know, averred Elder Sperry, but he recalled that the Prophet Joseph has said that they began a ministry among the ten lost tribes of Israel when the Church was organized in 1830. Dr. Sperry related an instance where some divine human being was entertained and heard in glorious prayer by a converted family named David whom Elder Sperry visited in South Carolina while he was a young missionary there.

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OAKLAND STAKE

Alameda Ward

Alamedan Lashed by Tail of Hurricane

By Amelia Everett

Fanny Bessey is home from a tour of Europe with the Morley Study group. On the return trip the ship was lashed by the tail of Hurricane Edna. No damage was done except for the terror and some sickness that resulted.

Cora Hallford is new Relief Society president, with Lavern Millard as Welfare Counselor. The other counselor is not yet chosen. Erma Lane is set apart as instructor of the Teacher Training class, which begins in the near future.

Seminary is being held from 7 to 8 a.m. Mon. through Fri. at Alameda Chapel. There are 14 now attending. For information call Dan Harrison, LA. 3-8766

Sixteen boys from Alameda Ward attended Stake Primary Fundalay. Four fathers, two mothers and a staff of teachers joined in the fun.

Fireside has been reorganized with Joe Blackwell as president.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers met at the home of Captain Fanny Bessey Thursday, Sept. 23.

Wendell and Elnora Jensen have sold the Alameda Food Shop.

We welcome back Brother and Sister Alex Andraeson and their four children after two years in Santa Maria. Brother Alex is with the Pabco Co.

Sister Lily Price, mother of Jane Podwys, is very ill in a hospital.

No news was written for Alameda last month due to the death of your reporter's mother, Josie A. Davis.

Babies blessed: Cherrie Lynne Collins, Rick Warren Daybell, Robert Bruce Mollenhauer, Gayle Estella Boucha, Deborah Ann Middleton, Archie William Curata and Sheila Curata on August 1. Steven Rex Daniels, Tom McKay Payne and Terry Ladawn Wooldredge on August 29.

Confirmed members: Knight Curata, Gail Lynn Swasey.

New members: Max and Joan Robison and children, Nancy and Allen; William and Emily Barber and children, Judith, William Jr. and Donald; Marion Engel; Gerald and Janice Morris.

Releases: Leah Ivie and Joyce Fonoimoana as Primary teachers. Ann Park as organist for Junior Sunday School. William Park as scoutmaster of Troop 16. Lucile Holloday, after two years as Relief Society president, in order to join her husband in Japan.

Sustained: Lorine Conrad, organist, Junior Sunday School. Vivian Nicolaysen as a teacher in Young Ladies MIA. Joy Ann Packard, Shirley Morgan and Joyce Tedders as Primary teachers, and Elva Ann Park as Primary organist. Patricia Pittman as a Junior Sunday School teacher. Cecil Dearth as scoutmaster.

Oakland Third

Parking Lot Fund Campaign Gets Going

By Melva Rainey

The Oakland 3rd Ward members are very busy in many projects to raise money to help pay for the new parking lot, adjoining the chapel on the north side.

A ward dinner was held and served over 200 members and friends. Neita Van Noy was chairman, and Melva Rainey, Lulu McCarthy, Grace Kelleher, and Kitty Kelley were the committee.

One of the projects to help on the parking lot was the 15-act extravaganza. All acts were secured by Esther England. The Helen Noble Dancers, from San Leandro Ward, the Maxine Allen's Accordianaires high-lighted the affair.

Other entertainers were Howard Eastwood, accompanist, of KFRC and KGO T-V, George Crowder, Emcee, and Melva Rainey, Richard Pasquinnucci, Shirley Kilgore, Norma Peralta, Diana Skilling, Marie Chaney, Joe Magill, fire-eater, Jeannie Bramwell and Rosalyn Call.

The Relief Society rummage sale was a success. Each officer and teacher of the relief society has been given a dollar to see how much they can swell their dollar. Some of the ladies are busy with many projects to help.

A few of the ideas to swell the dollars are as follows, Melva Rainey is selling Christmas cards, Lulu McCarthy and a few of the ladies will make the original Scotch meat pies. Olga Smith was successful with a cake sale. Some are doing handiwork, crotching, knitting, and other kinds of sewing to help out.

Don Van Noys, who is filling a mission in the Netherlands, has been named branch president in Belgium and sends greetings to all his friends.

Kitty Kelley and Betty Piagentini and Pinky Reed who have been working with the Cub Scouts had a paper drive and sold three tons of old newspapers. The troop spent a whole day in San Francisco at the beach, zoo, aquarium, and other points of interest, all paid for by the sale of the papers.

The Den Mothers took them to Borden's Creamery, Carnation Co., South Berkeley Creamery, Albers Milling Co.

The Relief Society held their opening party with Ruth Hilton as program chairman. Social Science class presented a patriotic skit with Ruth Kelly as their leader, Esther England was special soloist.

Theology presented a skit taken from the Book of Mormon with Mavis Humphries as Alma. Ruth Hilton delivered a beautiful reading for the Literature class. A delicious luncheon was served under the direction of Edna Torgersen and Grace Kelleher.

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"H.M.S. PINAFORE" ANCHORS AMID CHEERS AND APPLAUSE

By Beryl Theurer

The "H.M.S. Pinafore," anchored itself at the San Francisco Stake House September 10 and 11 — and there to greet and applaud it were over 1100 music enthusiasts, the largest audience to participate in such an activity for some time.

A few of the many highlights capturing the amused audience were: Josephine's "The Hours Creep on Apace" by Charmaine Halverson, with sensivity and expression in her beautifully trained voice; the dramatic and musical enthusiasm of the tar Ralph, portrayed by Reed Lindstrom; the grandiloquent entrance of Sir Joseph Porter (Melvin Stephensen and Jay Banks) and the haughty but delightful Cousin Hebe (Shirley Little); the hilarious trio of Ralph, the Boatswain (Bob Kone, Preston Williams), and Dick Deadeye (the amazing Howard Ruff) singing "A British Tar," the imposing Captain Corcoran (the very capable Vincent Wood) joining Little Buttercup (Chris Politis and Joanna Hobbs) in "Things are seldom what they seem," the evidence of exacting rehearsals by the chorus; the professional staging, and the authentic-looking scenery — black and brown and gold against a backdrop of sky blue.

A sincere expression of gratitude is extended to Music Director Jean Lauper and Stage Director Howard Ruff; to Jack Jensen, the general manager; and to Marilyn Taylor, the faithful accompanist. The Stake M.I.A. sponsored the affair.

222ND QUORUM OF SEVENTIES TO PRESENT FOURTH ANNUAL STAKE WELFARE DINNER

The 22nd Quorum of Seventies of San Francisco Stake will present their fourth Annual Stake Welfare Dinner, a traditionally outstanding social event, Saturday, October23, at 7:00 p.m., in the Stake House. Sixty minutes of outstanding professional music and vocal talent will provide the program, again to be emceed by Bishop Bill Stoker of San Mateo Ward.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Members of the Stake Sunday School Board, with husbands and wives, enjoyed a buffet supper and an evening of fun on Saturday, September 18, as guests of Gertrude and Frank Heiss.

Monday, August 30, Jennie Starkey, Stake Jr. Sunday School coordinator, held a social meeting at her home for all ward Jr. Sunday School coordinators and members of the Stake Jr. S. S. board.

Spencer W. Beus, counselor in the Stake Sunday School superintendency, has been released from the Army Air Force and has left to attend the BYU. Replacing Brother Beus on the board is Russell Hulme of Mission Ward.

Vernice Torongo of San Francisco Ward has been sustained as a member of the board to replace Myrtle Shield, recently released because of out-of-town assignments.

RELIEF SOCIETY

Changes in the Stake Relief Society board announced by President Gladys Winter include Vera M. Murray as first counselor, replacing Eddy Somers, who is soon to leave the stake; Mary Tolley, second counselor; Della Gill, visiting teacher leader; and Ann Barton, work director.

Among those attending the General Relief Society Conference in Salt Lake City, September 29-30, Gladys Winter, Vera M. Murray, and Afton Logan.

M.I.A. BASKETBALL BANQUET AND DANCE

A Basketball Banquet and Dance on September 25, a "first" in the stake, under the direction of Y.M.M.I.A. Activity Counselor Dick Lambert, limelighted the basketball teams of the coming sports season, thus acquainting the stake membership with this important activity.

BOATING PARTY

A tranquil bay, a starlit sky set the scene for a delightful Tri-stake M-Men and Gleaner Boating Party August 28 aboard the "Harbor Queen" in San Francisco Bay. Over six months' planning and preparation of leaders and council representatives in San Francisco Stake with full support from Oakland and Berkeley Stakes, preceded this affair. More than 300 young people enjoyed the affair. Steering the party were Claudia Lauper and Alan Tuttle, stake supervisors, and the San Francisco Stake Council. Much credit goes to Lyle Rasmussen and Dick Lambert, former stake supervisors, and the Council for preliminary planning and special arrangements.

The M-Men and Gleaners enjoyed a Sand Party at Thornton's Beach September 18. Jerry Wright, stake chairman, and the stake Council arranged the affair with special mention to Gerrie Black for the refreshments.

The rustic decor of the Stake Room was the seting for the Jr. M. Men-Jr. **Gleaner Barn Dance** September 17.

At the Behive Mia Maid Summer Camp at Cazadera the following Y.W.M.I.A. representatives served as camp counselors during the week: Karma Colovich, stake camp director; Noni Beus, San Rafael age group counselor; Barbara Wooters, stake activity counselor, and Marion Nelson, stake Y.W.M.I.A. president. Karen Ray served as a junior counselor.

Twenty girls from San Francisco Stake joined with Oakland Stake for this glorious work of camping. Special visitors on Sunday were President and Mrs. Serge J. Lauper and Eldon and Elayne Reid and family.

San Francisco Ward was host to the stake on September 3 at a dance held at the ward. Special dances were given by Bob Collins, Shirley Little and John Meyer. A vocal solo was sung by Joan Nelson. Refreshments were arranged by Mary Nelson.

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We See and Meet Interesting Persons In LDS Southland

The editor reports regarding friends he met while attending the MIA conference in Los Angeles August 4-8.

Ned and Audrey Redding, editor and publisher, respectively, of the LDS Southland weekly newspaper, "The Intermountain News," "have charming personalities," we were told three months ago by a non-Mormon newspaper man of Oakland, who had then first met them in their Los Angeles office. When we met them in early August they were hearty, happy, and very busy at the MIA General Conference. Ned with his camera seemed to cover every major happening there, and Audrey was responsible for a feature event at the dance festival.

Leo J. Muir, author, lecturer, loved second stake president in California (first president of South L. A. Stake), and his gracious wife, Ilda Le Cheminant, were among the last people to get away from the Hollywood Bowl Sunday morning session of the MIA General Conference August 8th. Leo J. had been one of the speakers preceding Pres. David O. McKay on that occasion, and it seemed as though at least every other person among the 15,000 present wanted to renew old acquaintance with Elder Muir.

John M. Iverson, a former stake dinner with the Muir's that L. J. is busy in getting out the second volume of his "Quotations," while Ilda is the busy head of a drapery department in a movie studio in Hollywood. L. J.'s father and two uncles were members of the Mormon Battalion of historic fame. L. J. was one time Utah state superintendent of schools, and the writer was one of his staff.

Dr. G. Byron Done, director of ten LDS Institute groups at ten universities and colleges in Southern California, was a vivacious, gracious person to interview. Our LDS Institute Director, Lee Kenner, is a good friend of Dr. Done's. Five other instructors assist Elder Done in his institute work with LDS students at colleges, which include, of course, UCLA, the USC, and the Pasadena Institute of Technology. He is vitally interested also in the current rapid growth of LDS seminaries at the Southland high schools, which will reach 80 for the year 1954-55, a growth of 22 seminaries over the 58 for 1953-54. He added, "we are approaching one seminary for

Charles C. and May Carr greeted us at the close of the Sunday morning MIA meeting at the Hollywood Bowl August 8. Also son Stanley. May has six sisters, and their families, living within the Los Angeles area. So she and Charles spend summers there, but return each fall to their loved calling as temple workers in Mesa, Arizona. Charles C. was Claremont Ward's first bishop and also an early bishop of Oakland Ward. He, May and Stanley are in excellent health and spirits and send greetings to old friends.

Dr. Royal Garff, head of the public speaking department at the University of Utah, and in charge of this activity on the general MIA board, was a thrill to meet. Royal grew up next door to the writer in the old Third Ward in S.L.C. He was a charming serious-minded boy who used to talk out his plans and problems with us. Royal's progress from one high position to another educationally and in the church has been a joy to behold. His friends are legion. He comes to the Bay Area as a lecturer before large civic groups occasionally.

president, is an executive at the Deseret Industries Center in Los Angeles. Sister Iverson also has charge of a beautifully furnished new department there, where temple and burial clothing in all grades and varieties is kept in stock in especially built new showcases, drawers, and cabinets. This department is owned and directed entirely from Salt Lake City by the General Relief Society Board. It is intended to obviate the commercial sale of LDS garments and burial clothing, and is the first move in that direction to be set up in the General R. S. Board itself, outside of Salt Lake City.

Dr. C. Douglas Barnes, patriarch of Long Beach Stake, who with his family formerly were active in Berkeley Stake, is now a college chemistry instructor. He and his charming wife send greetings to old friends in the Bay Area.

San Francisco Stake Meet Calendar

October 1954

2 Sat. 6:30 p.m.—Baptismal Service.

3 Sun.—Fast Sunday (check with your Bishop for possible change).

7 Thurs. 7:00 p.m.—Stake Melchizedek, Sr. Aaronic and Aaronic Pr. Committees.

10 Sun. 2:30 p.m.—Bishoprics and Stake Presidency.

14 Thurs. 7:30 p.m.—Cub Scout meeting.

18 Mon. 7:45 p.m.—Monthly Stake Priesthood meeting.

21 Thurs. 7:00 p.m.—Stake Melch. Pr. Committee.

21 Thurs. 7:45 p.m.—Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Pres., and High Council.

24 Sun.—High Council visits to Wards.

25 Mon. 7:30 p.m.—MIA Leadership meeting.

San Francisco Stake Social Calendar

October 1954

1 Fri.—Mission Ward host to Stake Party.

2 Sat.—Girls Sports Day.

14 Thurs.—High Priests Party—Sigmund Stern Grove.

15 Fri.—Stake Record dance.

15-16 Fri.-Sat.—Scout Camporee and court of Honor.

22 Fri.—Sunset Ward host to Stake Party.

23 Sat.—Seventies Quorum Welfare Dinner.

30 Sat.—M-Men—Gleaner Halloween Party.

SACRAMENT TO NON-MEMBERS

We present official word regarding this recurrent question.

Words of Pres. David O. McKay at a special conference of the California Mission at mission headquarters, Los Angeles, March 18, 1945, as recorded by Russell B. Hodgson, then president of the Ventura district, and now patriarch of Santa Barbara Stake. Copied verbatim from record made at the time.

"The sacrament is for members only as a general rule. Announce once in a while from the pulpit that 'the sacrament is now to be administered to the members of the Church.'

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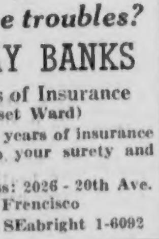

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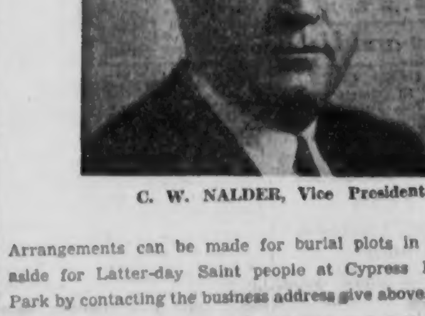

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—Malachi 3:1.

LATTER DAY SAINT SEMINARIES CALLED "FRONTIERS OF YOUTH"

Editorial

Fourteen full-fledged seminaries now are meeting each school day, at seven in the morning, in three Bay-area stakes and at least two other Northern California stakes will be organized for seminaries next year it is predicted. This is all in conformity with the Church program to offer religious education to all LDS boys and girls of high school age as far as possible. school age as far as possible.

This unique program for rounding-out the training youth and making the Gospel a part of their education each school day is attracting the attention on thoughtful persons.

"Faith Today", a non-sectarian magazine in Southern California, tells of the amazing appeal and growth of our seminary program. The article pictures a young boy who wakes to the sound of an alarm clock at 5:45 a. m. after working in a supermarket until 12:30 a. m. and adds:

"Would you find it incredible that this boy is of the 1700 typical, funloving teenages who get up every morning to attend a 7 a. m. to 8 a. m. Bible class before going to high school? They did it without credit, without coersion, and often against tremendous odds—five days a week, nine months a year.

"Incredible? Not at all . . .It is part of the program of daily religious education offered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a program which last year served 38,000 young men and women in seven western states, and in Canada and Mexico.

"They represent a cross section of young America with all its problems. They are average kids looking for a defense against the grim spectre of fear and destruction that now shrouds their future.

"To bring peace to this world, youth must learn these lessons so thoroughly that they can indeed be leaders in solving the problems of global conflict." Ninety seminary classes opened in September 1954 to meet 2500 students in Southern California. They started with approximately 20, four years ago."

Today 14 seminary classes are meeting in three stakes in the Bay area. Who shall say that September 1955 will not see 30 of these religious study groups?

TOLD FOR A FACT

By The
Sage of Suisun Slough

(From the "Solano County Courier," Suisun, California.) Note: We take real pleasure in offering our readers a sample of the salty wit of our good friend, Ray E. Campbell, editor and publisher of the weekly Courier, and former printer of the Messenger. Ray and Maxine and their family of four daughters are recent converts to the Church. Ray writes a weekly "Sage of Suisun Slough", Suisun being on an excellent water way connected with S. F. Bay.

"I am a fight fan. On TV, that is. But there are hazards to be carefully analyzed and avoided if one would go though a season of prize fighting and remain unaffected from some of the habits "the bartender" would lead you into.

"However, "the finest beer served anywhere" will bloat me as quick as "one of America's two great beers." A sizzling hamburger on a grill is pictured and a can of hop is nearly to "make you glad you live in America." Of course, after consuming such refreshing beverage one should light up a perfecto with the special blends of the "finest domstic tobacco" and made, they say, so the cigar "breathes".

"I am afflicted with a desire to commit mayhem when I listen to the TV spieler as he regales us with the 200 years spent to make a certain brand of cigarettes better than all the rest. The darn things are still bad, stink up the car and make burnt places in the furniture. The filter may be "the thing" that makes the weed safer, nevertheless the filter doesn't remove the curse of a smoke-filled room.

"They don't tell you that there is a cancer in every package and a nuisance value in every king size.

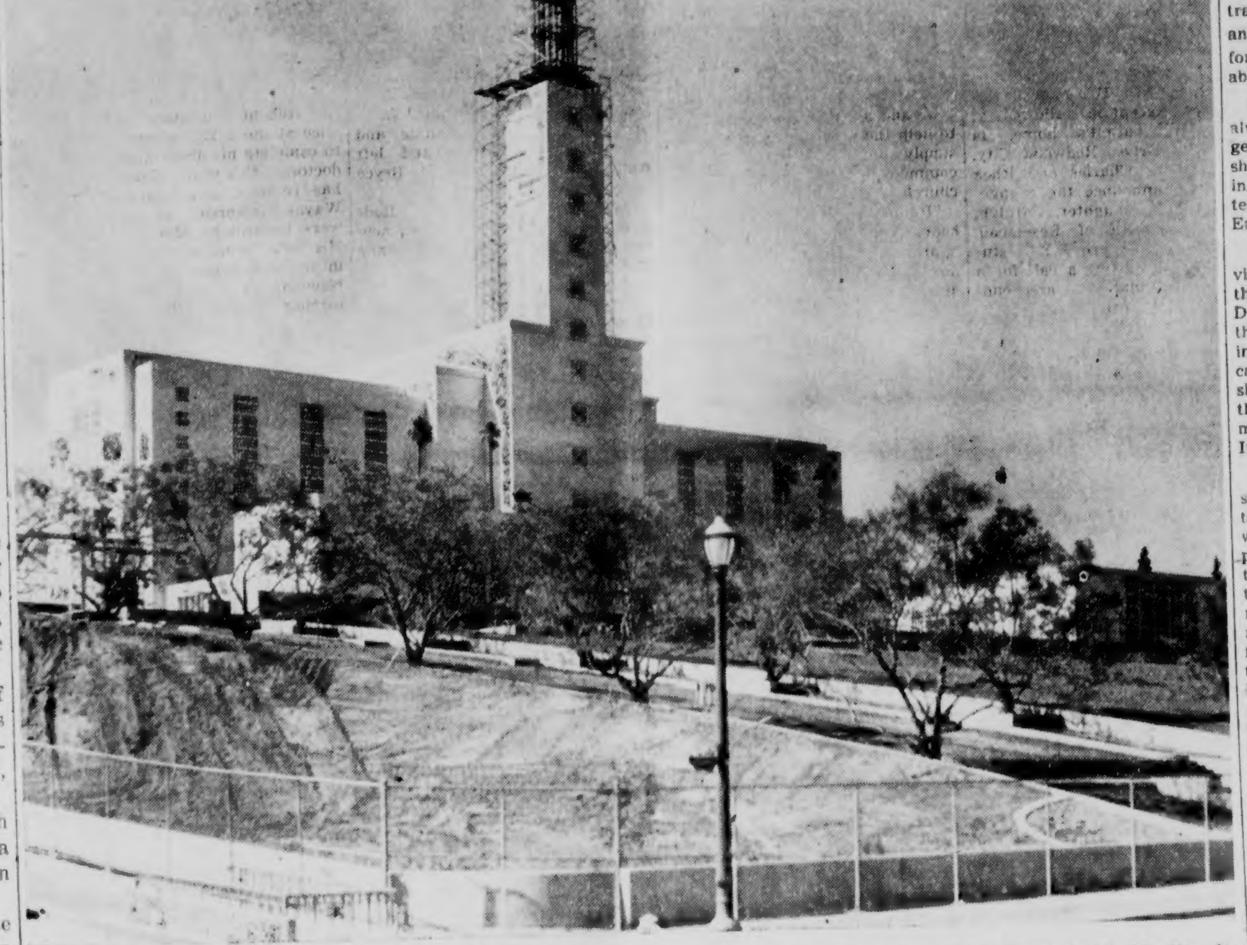
"But such is the power of advertising. The enormous sums handed radio and TV companies every year by these interests must pay off. And to pay off, new and greater lists of consumers appear and the cancer rate grows. Here is a case for the pure food and drug department or the Federal Trade Commission.

"The government would clap people in jail if they deliberately advertisted the use of outright poisons and habit forming drugs. Yet cigarettes are both and beer certainly can be classed as having characteristics leading to habitual drinking.

"I am cooking up a little system whereby I can shut off the boys when they begin thir enthusiastic selling propaganda for beer and cigarettes, and the fancy soaps and cosmetics.

"I know a fellow in Fairfield that has a little button by the side of his easy chair. When the commercials come on, he pushes the button and then he witnesses something that has long since been missing—the reappearance of the silent movies, where the characters can be seen and not heard."

The Los Angeles Temple Will Be the Temple for Northern California When Completed,



The Los Angeles Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as it appeared in an outdoor view August 5, 1954. The picture was presented to the Messenger by George Bergstrom, Santa Monica photographer on the day we visited the temple in a tour conducted by Elder Ray Blied. The grounds are being planted and landscaped, the interior rooms are being plastered. The Temple will be completed in 1955, it is believed. At present bids are being received for placing the large figure of the Angel Moroni on the pinacle of the temple's high tower, the tallest of any LDS temple yet constructed.
Photo by George Bergstrom

Man's Natural Rights And Divine Origin Linked Together

On Labor Day, 1943, Philip Murray, former president of the CIO, said:

"We can speak of man's natural rights only if we recognize the truth of man's divine origin and his link with the eternal. If we deny this basic truth, we cut away the ground on which rests the inviolability of human rights. Deny man's link with God and his transcendence over the merely temporal, and you forge for him the first link in the chain of servitude. You make him a mere cog . . . of the collectivity. You fall into the frightful error of those who believe, and assert with all the force of armed might, that man is only a robot to further the interests of the greater whole, be it state or race . . . "

Church Welfare Plan Lauded by National Defense Administration

"Every American ought to follow the principles of the Church Welfare Program," a federal Civil Defense Administration leader said in Salt Lake City, Sept. 7, 1954.

"Stewart C. Campball of Santa Rosa praised the Welfare Program which advocates the stockpiling of one year's supply of food, clothing and medical supplies, as the 'world's best welfare plan.'

"Mr. Campbell, deputy regional administrator for the Federal Civil Defense Administration in the western United States, was in Salt Lake to conduct sessions of FCDA's regional medical conference at the University of Utah."

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THE SECOND CHANCE

Ever listen to the current radio program by that name? Yes, one hears persons tell of finally making something of their lives by taking a second chance. But the overall moral is very good too: God's world will always be like that. Opportunity doesn't knock but once, but: "every day is the world made new; every morn is a fresh beginning. Come, ye who art weary of life, here is a beautiful thought for you; a thought for you and me."

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My Testimony

By Mabel B. Liddell

If you should write the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City about family research problems, your letter might find its way to the desk of Frances Baker, an attractive girl with a ready smile and an air of complete confidence: for she surely knows what she is about, and why. There is a reason:

From her early youth she has always felt a keen interest in genealogy and true to this urge she spent many hours in research in various large libraries, at the termination of her mission in the Eastern States.

While in Washington, D. C., she visited the Library of Congress, the National Archives and the D. A. R. Library. On her way to the home of friends, the last evening in that city, with her brief case bulging with precious records, she rushed headlong into a crisis that turned out to be one of the most inspiring events of her life. In her own words:

"The friend with whom I was staying was ill, and requested me to stop at a certain store on my way home to pick up a birthday present for her husband. I heard the street called and dashed off the streetcar. As it pulled away, I realized that my brief case was missing! Heedless of the heavy five o'clock traffic, I ran out in the middle of the street to the bus director, and told him of the situation. He asked the number of the bus. **I didn't know.** I was a stranger in the city, and totally unfamiliar with buses, locations etc. He gave me little hope of ever seeing my records again.

"I rushed home, called the car barns and was told that none of the cars would be in until midnight. Again I was informed that there was little hope of regaining my briefcase, but if I desired I could call in the morning to see if it had been returned. With sinking heart, I told the clerk that I was scheduled to leave at ten o'clock that evening for North Carolina, and needed the material desperately for further research. He promised to call me if there was any news of my lost articles.

I retired to my room and prayed for the safe return of my irreplaceable records. A few moments later, the man at the car barns called and excitedly asked me to describe the briefcase. I did so, and he said, 'It is sitting here in the middle of the floor. How it got here I don't know. None of the cars have been in, nor has anyone else. I have been here alone. All the doors and windows are locked and it is a mystery to me, how that briefcase got in.' He gave me directions and I recovered my briefcase, with records undisturbed, just in time to catch my train to North Carolina.

"This has always been a testimony to me of the power of prayer. It was also a convincing demonstration of the importance attached to the work in which I am engaged, and proved again the value of having more than one copy of genealogical records.

Frances is a frequent visitor to San Francisco, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Baker of Mission Ward.

Dear Brethren and Sisters

It is not unusual when listening to prayers offered in public or even in our own homes to hear the expression: "Bless the sion of the prayer offer our appoor and needy, the sick and the afflicted, those who have cause to mourn, etc." Most of us bow our heads humbly and at the conclusion of the prayer offer our approval by saying, "Amen". Then we leave the meeting and the situation without giving the idea much more thought if any.

The Lord has given us a way to take care of this prayer we have offered so that we can be partakers in the fulfillment of it. He has said through Mosiah, the last king of the Nephites: "Impart of your substance to the poor, every man according to that which he hath, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and administering to their relief, both spiritually and temporally, according to their wants." Then in our day through His servants here upon the earth he has given us the law of Fasting and giving of an offering so that through his constituted authorities this commandment can be obeyed.

President Joseph F. Smith explains this law of Fast donations thus: "In addition, the leading and principle object of the institution of the fast among Latter-day Saints was that the poor might be provided with food and other necessities. It is, therefore, incumbent upon every Latter-day Saint to give to his bishop, on fast day, the food that he or his family would consume for the day, that it may be given to the poor for their benefit and blessing, or in lieu of the food, that its equivalent amount, or if the person is wealthy, a liberal donation, in money, be so reserved and dedicated to the poor . . . "

Some may feel that there are no poor in their wards or stakes so the need is not great, but there are those in other parts of the Church who are in need and through the proper authorities this

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GOINGS AND COMINGS

Martinez. The Steve Frease family spent their vacation at Williams Grove in the Redwoods. On the way home they visited with the Mosier family, now living in Ft. Bragg.

Afton and Ken Atkinson and their family visited in Salt Lake City for ten days with their respective families.

Mabel Wadsworth attended the wedding of her neice in Sacramento.

Pleasant Hill — Atending a Curtis family reunion held at Liberty Park in Salt Lake City were Clarence and Alice Curtis and children Linda, Coleen and Larry, and Sarah and Bert Lambert and daughter Patsy. The reunion was just one of many things enjoyed during a 2½ week vacation spent in Utah.

Linda, Coleen and Patsy were thrilled to do Temple work at Salt Lake City Temple.

A small dinner party was given in honor Nico Snel III prior to his departure for the Netherlands mission field by Velda and Don Coffin.

Visiting at the home of Brother and Sister Virgil Swenson was Virgil's mother, Mrs. Lottie Swenson of Ogden, Utah. She came to attend the wedding of her granddaughter, Diane Swenson.

Claremont — Fay Yorgason spent a month of her vacation at Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Millie Anderson spent most of the summer at Sunset, Utah, after seeing her brother, Blaine, set apart prior to departing to the mission field.

Bob and Earlene Reiche recently spent an enjoyable weekend at Lake Tahoe.

We join with June Davis in welcoming her daughter, Wendy, into the ward. Wendy has been attending school in Canada for several years, but will be living in Berkeley in the future.

Kay Raynor enjoyed a brief chat with her uncle, Admiral Robert Carney, when he flew here for the centennial celebration at Mare Island.

Oakland Four — we are proud of our young folks off to school this month: to BYU, Jeanne Bramwell, Pat Fortini and Joan Moody; to Stanford, Richard Finch. Lapreal has driven Joan to school and will stay for a few days in Utah.

We'll miss another of our young couples as Howard and Wilda Smith move back to Utah.

The John Nelsons have enjoyed seeing points of interest in California.

Rulon and Nana Folkman have had as house guests two of Ru's brothers and their families.

Armis and Lee Ashby traveled to Salt Lake to attend the wedding of Richard Ashby. Armis was best man at the reception. From Utah they visited Lee's family in Arizona. Jean Hansen of Winslow, Arizona, returned with them, she is Lee's younger sister.

Oakland First — Our best wishes to Sister Myrtle Green and Mr. Fred Famariss, who were married this month.

Alameda — Harold and Mildred Pastore and little Canda are stationed at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah. Harold is now an instructor in the Army.

Delmar Obray left Aug. 30 for Navy overseas duty.

Grant and Leah Ivie and son, David, have moved to Irvington. A farewell surprise party was given them at the home of the Newell Christensens. Brother Alex and sister Andraeson and their four children are welcomed back after two years in Santa Maria.

Bill and Camille Zahmel from Logan, formerly of Alameda, returned here for a short visit bringing their baby girl, Debra. They are stationed at Moffit Field.

Wallace Rooks is welcomed home from the Army.

Lucile Holladay and sons are back in Alameda for a few weeks stay before leaving for Japan.

Alice Moore and son Allen Peterson had a trip to Los Angeles and were shown through the unfinished Temple.

Oakland 5th. Dave and Maurine Fuhriman returned September 5 from a trip across the continent. First to Detroit and that new car, then to Church history sites in New York and to Canada; down to Washington, D.C., where they visited with "Ren" Hoopes, Oaklander now administrative assistant to Secretary Ezra Taft Benson; to Carthage, Nauvoo, Independence, and Salt Lake and home.

Harold De la Mare attended a convention of the American Chemical Association in New York, September 12-17. Enroute home Harold stopped to see his family in Salt Lake City.

Clifford Boyack and family journeyed to Salt Lake City to attend the funeral of Clifford's father.

Bud Hopkins, John C. Franz are attending the BYU.

Bob Allison left September 1 for Fort Ord.

Lt. Robert Brinton has been spending a week at home with his parents, Milton and Edna Brinton before leaving for Germany. His wife ad baby will follow Bob to Germany in three months.

Alameda: Harold Clayson, after a second operation is able to be back at B.Y.U. Jerry Chandall is also back at school. David and George Pinckney left a week early for football practice. They were accompanied by their mother, Violet. Open House was held for Nelson Reed at the home of Bishop and Hazel Bangerter, prior to his leaving for B.Y.U.

The Charles Gustaveson family spent much of the summer on Russian River. Rhea was convalesing and attended church at Sebastapol where there are many Indians enrolled.

Oakland Third — Lorenzo N. Hoopes was a bay area visitor recently from Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Catherine Pearson spent six weeks in Portland, Oregon, with her sons.

Katherine Kollerbaum and children have spent a month at Clear Lake.

Bishop and Sister Jack McEvan (Betty Clark) announce the arrival of another son born Sept. 1 in Temple City where they reside.

Evelyn and Jim Zeigler have been on a three week vacation to the south-eastern United States. Both their families are living there. Jack Zeigler is in the armed forces and is stationed near Oklahoma City.

Melva Rainey had a thrill of a lifetime when she flew home to Tacoma, Washington, to attend the 50th golden wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sainsbury. She spent a month with her family and visited in Moses Lake, Toppenish, Yakima, Ephrata and also took a fishing trip to Canada with several of her family. She reports that she never ate so many speckled trout in her life. Every day for ten days they all brought in their limit. The Sanpoil River Valley is the place.

Rosalind Call will return to the BYU to attend school this winter again.

Bishop and Sister Neita Van Noy have had as their guests this summer many friends and relatives, among them being Jack Corbidge and family from Long Beach and Bill and Leona Garrett from Preston, Idaho. Other guests were LaRue and Lawrence Poulsen from Nampa, Idaho, Libby and Larraine Karen of Lewiston, Utah, Mariam Lee of Eugene, Oregon. Many of Miriam's friends met at the Van Noy's to spend a delightful evening with Miriam. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert De Lamater of Los Angeles were also among their guests.

The Van Noy's entertained at a dinner party for Mary Russell's sister and brother-in-law from England.

Lee Worley has been on a very extended vacation. She visited friends and relatives in Oregon, Washington, Southern California, Idaho and several other places. Ira Call's mother has been a guest in the Call residence. She is Mrs. Roe White of Bancroft, Idaho.

Olga Smith, Esther Decker and Emily Barber took Cheryl Dee Smith and visited the girls at Camp Cazadero. Donna Pearce and Esther Decker and their childred enjoyed a camping trip to Big Sur.

The Lynn Pearce's have had as their guests, Fern and Ralph Barney from Salt Lake. Ralph was formerly in the Oakland ward Bishopric. Mrs. Barney is a sister of Donna.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Bagley, a former member of the Oakland ward now residing in Weaverville, have been visiting with the Pearce family. Elwin is a brother of Donna.

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Wedding Bells

Redwood City Ward. Diane Weaver, daughter of Orrin R. and Aline Weaver, and Lloyd Wilson were married in Salt Lake Temple on September 3. Their reception was held in San Mateo Ward recreation Hall on September 17.

Odrienne Parker, daughter of Alton E. and Olive Parker, married Frank Larraux. The ceremony was held in Palo Alto Ward, with Bishop L. H. Osterloh officiating. Reception followed at the bride's parent's home, 14 Greenways Drive, Redwood City.

Alameda — Charles and Rhea Gustaveson announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn, to Douglas Bush of Rosemead, California. Both are B.Y.U. students. He is waiting a call for a mission so definite plans are pending. Douglas was wounded in Korea when serving as a sergeant in the Marines. He is working in Alameda this summer.

Marion Engel and Carl Haws, son of the Stake President of Santa Barbara, were married in the Salt Lake Temple Sept. 13.

Val Winkel and Carol Christian, also of Alameda, were married last month.

Oakland Third — We are happy to announce the engagement of Gloria Jacobs, daughter of Blanche Jacobs and the late Eugene B. Jacobs to Jared Heywood from Holbrook, Arizona. Gloria met Jared while she was on her mission. He was her district president.

Berkeley First — Donna Marie McKnight married Norman Dale Waters, September 7, in the Manti Temple. A reception for the happy couple was held Sept. 27 at the LDS Institute on La Conte Street, Berkeley.

Pleasant Hill — In a lovely home ceremony performed by Bishop Hilton of Pleasant Hill Ward, on September 11, Diane Mae Swenson become the bride of Watson William Smith.

Diane was honored at several parties before her marriage, one of which was held at the home of Wanda Hilton, with Sister Irene Ranker as co-hostess.

Pittsburg Ward: Miss Bonnie Sue Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis, became the bride of James A. Boun in a ceremony in the Pittsburg Ward recreation hall Sept. 3rd. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boen. Tht newly wed couple are at home in Antioch. Bishop William P. Furnell read the vows.

Births

Martinez. Bishop Raymond Evenson and his wife, Berta, announce the birth of their 6th child, Mark Wooley Evenson, born August 27, at Stanford Lane Hospital.

Martinez. A stork shower for Jackie Hughes, formerly of the Martinez Ward, now living in Concord, was given by Sister Eleanor Vom Dorp and her mother.

Redwood City Ward. To Paul and Anatha Petty was born a daughter, Elicia Lanae, on July 20. To Charles M. and Marciel Sorenson, a daughter, Jill, born July 30.

Pittsburg Ward: Born, Sept. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cornelius, their fourth child, Steven L.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hawkins welcomed their fourth daughter Sept. 2. She will be named Shelly Jean.

Alameda: To Gerald William and Nina Klein, Aug. 12, a girl, Andrea Jean.

To Lamoine F. and Donna Marsh, a girl, Glenda Lynne, Sept. 14. Donna is the daughter of Ethel Larson.

Claremont: To John and Evelyn Martinez, Juan Ramon Martinez III, born Sept. 17.

A girl, born Sept. 19, to Sister Bonnie Johnston.

Oakland third: Mrs. Fred Shumway (Patricia Hilton) announces the birth of a son at the Letterman hospital Sept. 6. A cable was sent to her husband who is serving in the army in Japan.

San Leandro: Sam and Barbara Eccles welcomed their seventh child and third daughter Sept. 18. Little Catherine weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 ozs.

An eight pound son was born Sept. 7 to Bert and Joyce Leavitt. Young master Rodney Bert is the fourth child and second son for the Leavitts.

East Richmond: a girl, born on Sept. 9, to Don and Lula Turner.

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San Mateo

Seven Tons Stored Food Put in Homes Santa Mateo Saints

By Peggy Card

Bill Eicke, secretary of the ward welfare committee, reviewing the progress of welfare work in the San Mateo Ward, says, "San Mateo Ward is now preparing the seventh ton of food to be placed in the homes of members in a year and a half of intensive work to help the people acquire a year's supply of storageable food and commodities, in keeping with church policy.

"Items involved include pink beans, baby limas, split peas, dehydrated apple slices, powdered non-fat milk, honey, wheat and dried prunes.

"The ward welfare fund was used to purphase the above items in wholesale lots in bulk. All of the items except the wheat, honey and dried milk were packaged in pliofilm -sealed bags in five-pound quantities for convenient storage in homes. The wheat and dried milk were packed in five gallon cans and the honey in five pound cans.

"The policy is to deliver the items to the members' homes, billing them for what they have ordered. The members in turn send in their check to the ward financial clerk, or the Bishop.

Sugar, Soap, Paper Products

"The next items to be offered on the plan, as soon as ward canning is completed, include sugar, cases of paper products used in the home, and cases of soap, both powdered and in bar form."

"Anyone interested in more detailed information on this project may write to Bill Eicke, welfare secretary of San Mateo Ward, Alameda at 37th Ave., San Mateo, California."

Elders' Quorum Picnic. The Elders' Quorum picnic at Hubbard Park, which included sack races and other contests for the children, with plenty of prizes, was a pleasant occasion. Volley ball was the adults' game.

The MIA budget offering for September was a financial and entertainment success. The play, "Paper Plates for Pappa," was well cast.

This was the first dramatic production by Robert and Jean Au, recent converts to the Church. They are to be commended for the excellent results, as is also the entire production group.

Gems From the Classes. In the investigator's class, during a discussion of what constitutes "wealth," Sister Dorothy Nelson remarked that wealth can be described as "spiritual, mental and physical well-being." By this criterion, all members of this Church can achieve great "wealth" by adhering to the principles of the Gospel, and taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities for the developmtnt it affords.

Obituaries

Berkeley: George Boyack, 90, father of Clifton Boyack of the Berkeley Second Ward bishopric, and Mrs. Wanda Boyack Harmon, wife of Berkeley State President W. Glenn Harmon, died in Salt Lake City Sept., 1954.

Alameda: Josie A. Davis, aged 80, died Aug. 17, at the home of her daughter, Amelia Everett, where she has resided the past five years. She was long a member of Oakland Ward.

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Redwood City

Eight Young People Leave for B.Y.U

By Elizabeth Wells

Going to the Y. From Redwood City Ward, eight young people left in time to arrive at BYU to register for fall classes. They are: Sherre Roth, Eileen Packer, Helen Hanni, Gary Proctor, Ronald Griffin, Terry Warner, Toni Triano, Robert Linebarger. Three of the boys, Gary, Ronnie and Terry, drove together and left early enough to take in Bryce Canyon on the way.

New Stake Missionaries. Redwood City Ward added three new names to the stake missionary roster: Alta Johnson, Amelia Rehbock and Edward Brown.

Choir Concert — For Building Fund Benefit. October 8, at 8 o'clock at the unfinished building on Edgewood Road at Cordeleras, the Redwood City Choir is giving a program to bring in funds to complete the structure before the winter holidays. $1.00 donation is asked. Director of the choir is Jean Conrad; accompanist Orrel Stowell.

Seminary Started With Opening Of High School. Jesse Benson, instructor for the new seminary class, now being held in the new and unfinished chapel in Redwood City, announces a good attendance of high school age at seven each school morning. Brother Benson is a BYU graduate.

Balboa Second

Bonnie Newcomb 1st Balboa II Missionary

By Ruth Challis

The first full-time missionary from Balboa II Ward is now on her way to her field of labor. Sister Bonnie Newcomb boarded a plane Sept. 7th to begin her travels to the Uruguayan Mission. A farewell testimonial was held in her honor August 29th.

The Primary summer festival, Sept. 9, was conducted as a regular Primary; then the children were promoted to their new classes. Crafts that the children had made were on display, and the Rhythm Band played, the instruments having been made by the children.

Sept. 19th—the Homebuilders celebrated their 25th anniversary by presenting the Sunday evening program. The following teachers were honored and given certificates for having served five or more years in Primary: Irma Williams, Gladys Crawford, Inez Kenner, Ruth Johnson, Mabel Wells, Ardith Yost, Alice Liedecker, Montess Cropper, Edna Breckon, Annabelle Gormley, Koye Roberts. Jerry Lindman was given an award for having perfect attendance. Three graduated from Primary: Karen Okleberry, John Johnson, Thomas Roberts. Florence and Elven Hansen are the leaders of the guide patrol.

MIA — Welcome to all Jr. M Men and Jr. Gleaners, M Men and Gleaners! Don't forget to attend MIA regularly. Our basketball team has been practicing for the stake tournament. The Fireside group are planning a progressive dinner and dance in October.

The Bishopric have been pleased with the support the men have given in helping on the building.

Ordained: Charles Crain, a deacon.

Sustained: William Ausseresses, S. S. secretary; Wilma Leventon, Era director; Lucy Ann Sherwood, Primary; Elven Hansen, Guide Patrol leader; Lola Geary, work director R.S.; Maxine Ausseresses, literature R.S.

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San Francisco Ward

Ward Members Lead in Education Circles Here, Elsewhere

By Becky Pratt

Many of our ward members are making their mark in educational circles. Wayne Wright is teaching student counseling and guidance at the B.Y.U. where he plans to complete his dissertation for his doctorate this year. Kendall Price has received a scholarship from Wayne University where he will work towards his Master's Degree. His wife, Dean, is teaching music in the city schools there. Analu Newman is a new kindergarten teacher at the Winfield Scott School in the Marina. Dell Mortimer is teaching at the Junior College at Santa Rosa, Richard Przybyla is teaching in Fresno, and Joanna Hicks, Charlene Seibert, Dawn Hickenlooper Jones, and Arlene Glew are just a few of the many young people who are attending the B.Y.U. this Fall.

The Kenneth M. Glew family drove to Provo, Utah, to get Arlene settled in school. Una Watson visited her brothers and their families in Northridge (San Fernando Valley) and in Coronado. Alta Whipple spent a week in Salt Lake City doing temple work. Dorothy Paxton visited her parents in Pocatello, Idaho.

A highlight of the ward-sponsored Stake M.I.A. dance Friday, September 3, was the specialty number by Shirley Little and Johann Meyer.

Ruth Firmage entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Firmage of Milford, Utah, and her grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Firmage of Beaver, Utah.

Congratulations to Carolyn Bates, Arlene Glew, Everlie Glew, Florence Christie and Charlene Siebert who have just received their individual awards.

The M-Men and Gleaners are sponsoring a subscription drive for THE IMPROVEMENT ERA. Why not enrich your life with this wonderful periodical?

We will miss President Ira I. Sommers, his wife Edna, and wee Becky, who are moving to Walnut Creek, and the Richard Pryzbylas who have moved to Fresno. Gene Deems, Harold Williamson and Louis Jensen have been released from military service and are returning to their respective homes. Lou's future bride is Patrea Egbert.

Richard Farr has been sustained second counselor in the Sunday School superintendency, and Juel Parker is the new assistant ward clerk. The following have accepted offices in the Y.M.M.I.A.: Robert Deed, secretary; Utah Lawrence, music director; Kenneth Skousen, teacher in the young married class, and Gerard Van Zeben, Scout leader.

Confirmed: Irl Roscoe Isley and Helen Harriet Patton.

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Balboa Ward

Primary Opening Party Huge, Happy Success

Primary began the fall season with a party on September 16th, with over 100 in attendance.

Balboa Ward is truly proud of Sister Beatrice Simister who, at a recent Relief Society conference, reported the largest percentage of magazines sold in the three stakes represented. Let's go over the top again next year.

The Senior and Junior Aaronic Priesthood had another exciting outing at Fleishackers park September 14, with a football game and weiner barbecue.

At the recent stake operetta HMS Pinafore, approximately half of the cast were from Balboa Ward. The MIA started their fall season with a "fun night" in which a program, games, dancing and refreshments were served. The summer MIA was above the average in attendance.

The Sunday School has added to its staff the following: Afton Jensen, William Hendershott, Sister Harding, Keith Griffiths and George A. Simister.

The building fund activity for August was a movie, "So Dear to My Heart," and "Oliver Cowdry, Witness to the Book of Mormon." The crowd was small but the donations helped the building fund.

A speedy recovery to Sister Miriam Cummings, who was recently injured.

About Japan

By VINAL G. MAUSS

The cherry, the pride of Japan, the coronation of spring, breaks out into pink clouds of blossom that gradually spread over the Empire in early April. They transform the country into a fairyland of loveliness which has given Japan its floral name of "The Land of the Cherry-Blossoms." All through the month of April, the railway cars and other conveyances are crowded with old and young, rich and poor, on their way to some noted place for cherry viewing (hana-mi).

Some of the young people are dressed in most elaborate and brightly colored costumes as an incentive to merry-making; for it is a festive time, and for the brief life-time of the blossoms, a period usually not more than two weeks, the nation is practically on holiday and the cherry blossoms are the topic of the hour.

The cherry blossoms (Sakura-no-hana) of Japan are glorified and worshipped as no other blower in all the world. It symbolizes perfection to the Japanese and satisfies their aesthetic sense. It has been the inspiration and theme of thousands of poems by the rulers and by the mass of the people.

Among many varieties of cherry trees there are sixteen principal species of blossoming trees. Almost all varities bear their blossoms on leafless branches. The first trees to flower are the single white and pink varieties. After them, arrive the double blossoms, which last about two weeks. The trees do not bear fruit; only a few varieties bear tiny red pellets. The single mission of the tree is to be beautiful.

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Walnut Creek

Mutual Girls Guests In Recognition of Past Year's Work

By Verna Mayfield

Sunday evening, September 12, the Young Women's Mutual honored twenty-three girls and three officers in recognition of the past year's work, the largest group to receive recognition in the history of the ward. Of that group there were sisters from seven families. These girls were Dian and Melaine Byrnes, 100 per cent achievement; Bonnie and Claudia Clark; Kay and Lucy Christiansen; Aljean and Andrea Everett; Myrna and Joyce Morgan; Anne Lee and Jeanette Smith; and Linda and Joan Uffens. Others who received recognition were Joyce Bolar, Mary Ann Cancella, Beverly Cherrington, Rosalie Erekson, Patricia Ruff, Nancy Ryle, Helen Snel, Diane Sumsion and Lea Mae Wells. The officers who received recognition were Ione Buskirk, Helen Finell and Margaret Openshaw.

During the past year many new families have moved into our ward, bringing to mind that our meeting place is far from adequate. With this in mind a special appeal is going forth to all members of the ward as well as the stake to please help our ward's construction. Pleasant Hills has been meeting in the classroom section for about three weeks, but they too are feeling the need for the main chapel.

Dear Brethren And Sisters

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aid can be given to those for whom we pray so often — the poor and the needy. However, should the supposition that there is not the need be true, fasting and praying and contributing of our substance is a commandment to us and if we would obtain blessings we must obey. Gain a testimony of this, dear Brethren and Sisters, and when you do you will be like Enos of old, you will feel a desire for the welfare of your brethren, and "will pour out your whole soul unto God for them" not only in words but in deeds.

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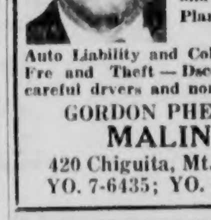

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BERKELY STAKE MEETING DATE CHANGED FOR BERKELY STAKE PRIESTHOOD MONTHLY GATHERINGS

Hereafter the Berkeley Stake monthly priesthood meeting will be held on the second Saturday of each month instead of the third Saturday as heretofore. The hour of meeting is the same, 8 p. m. The stake high priest's quorum will likewise change its meeting time to the second Saturday of each month at 7 p. m.

Baptismal Place Changed

Baptisms of Berkeley Stake members will henceforth be held in the Walnut Creek-Pleasant Hill Ward chapel, it was announced at the stake priesthood meeting September 18, 1954. The first Berkeley Stake baptismal service was held at the new chapel, Saturday, September 25, instead of in the Oakland Ward chapel as heretofore used for many years by both Oakland and Berkeley Stakes.

High Priest's Dinner

The annual dinner for the high priests of Berkeley Stake and their wives has been announced for Saturday, October 23, in the Berkeley recreation hall at 7 p. m.

Sam Scott of Orinda, Irol Barrus of Pittsubrg and Merwin Dibble of East Richmond, were approved September 18 for ordination to the office of high priests.

The high priests quorum will meet on the second Saturday of each month at 7 p. m. instead of on the third Saturday.

Change in Stake Mission

H. Clark Fails was released as counsellor to Sake Mission president Phyl N. Hilton, September 18 and Wells T. Wilkinson approved to take his place. Elder Fails will spend his time in the Seventy Quorum.

Jr. M-Men; Jr. Gleaners

Martinez Park was the setting for a Stake Jr. M-Men and Jr. Gleaner party, August 31, 1954.

Over 125 boys and girls enjoyed a weiner roast and dancing under the stars. Jr. Gleaner President, and Nadine Fisher, under the supervision of Faye Lloyd, Stake Jr. Gleaner supervisor.

Richmond Ward

Missionary Report Shows 99 Baptisms For 1954 to Date

The Berkeley Stake Mission report of August 1954, reveals 14 more baptisms in the last month, making a total of 99 for the year. The districts represented in the total of 14 for the last month are Berkeley First, 1; Berkeley Second 2; Martinez, 5; Pleasant Hill, 3; Walnut Creek, 3.

The 99 baptisms for the year to date hve come from the districts as follows: Berkeley First, 2; Berkeley Second, 3; Claremont, 2; Con[illegible]d 1[illegible]; Martinez, 22; Pittsburg, 18; Pleasant Hill, 16; Richmond, 9 and Walnut Creek, 16. The number of Berkeley Stake missionaries in service was 77.

The bulletin quotes summaries a statement at the last stake conference by President Dilworth Young of the Council of Seventy, "We count almost double our number of baptisms if we could double our number of times out."

Closing the mission report expresses the prayer:

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Berkeley Stake

Mayor T. O. Call Made New President First Elders Quorum

THOMAS O. CALL

Pres. Phil G. Squires and counsellors were released as heads of the First Quorum of Elders in Berkeley Stake, in September and in these positions were installed Elder Thomas O. Call, John W. Kemp and Van A. Orton.

Brother Call was born at Chesterfield, Idaho, graduated from Boise High School and commenced college at the University of Idaho at Moscow. He later transferred to the Link Business College of Boise where he graduated with a major Conservation Corps. In 1940 being a member of the Army Reserve, he was called into the armed forces.

Tom's military service has taken him over much of the world. Six years were spent in San Luis Obispo, two years, 1946-48,in Korea, two years at the Chicago Quartermaster Depot, three more years in Korea and Japan where he was allowed to take his family, and from May 1953 to date in the States again. He is presently assigned to the Oakland Quartermaster Market Center with a major's standing.

Tom was married to Miss Berna McMurdie in the Salt Lake Temple in 1936. The Calls now have two sons age 15 and 17. Genealogy and photography are his chief hobbies.

Brother John W. Kemp has been selected by Prsidnt Call to act as 1st Counslor in the presidency. John was born in Midvale, Utah but the family moved to St. George Utah where John graduated from High School and the Dixie Junior College. During the war he saw service with the Navy, much of his time in central China. Upon his discharge from service John entered the University of Utah where he graduated with a B. S Degree in Chemistry. He is presently enrolled at the University of California, doing graduate work in bio chemistry and is employed as teaching assistant.

In 1952 John married Miss Lou Jean Budge of Malad, Idaho, in the Salt Lake Temple. Sister Kemp is presently employed as an instruction (kindergarten) in the San Leandro district.

John counts amateur radio and photography as his hobbies.

As second counselor president Call has selected Brother Van A. Orton of Berkeley. Van is a native of Colorado, having been born at La Jara. He attended the local high school and after graduation enrolled in the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colorado. Following school Van worked in the various mines of Colorado and Arizona and finally arrived in California in 1940. He is now employed with the East Bay Auto Supply of Albany.

Before deciding to make California his home, Van returned to Colorado to marry Maxine Jensen of Manassa, the neighboring LSD community from La Jara. The Ortons have a daughter Malinda, age 5.—Mel Priesthood Bulletin.

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Berkeley Stake Activity Calendar

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER

OCTOBER		
2 Sat.	*Stake Young Peoples' Dance, Claremont Recreation Hall 8:30 p. m. (Age Groups from Jr. M-Men and Jr. Gleaners and Older)	
9 Sat.	*Stake Young People's Dance, Claremont Recreat'on Hall	
10 Sun.	IMPROVEMENT ERA WEEK BEGINS.	
16 Sat.	*Stake Young People's Dance, Claremont Recreation hall	
23 Sat.	*Stake Young Peoples' Dance, Claremont Recreation Hall 8:30 p. m.	
26 Tues.	Halloween Parties, Most Wards.	7:30 p. m.
30 Sat.	*Stake Young Peoples' Dance, Claremont Recreat on hall, 7:30 p. m.	
NOVEMBER		
6 Sat.	*Stake Young Peoples' Dance, Claremont Recreation Hall	
19 Fri.	Stake Road Shows, Pittsburg Recreation Hall,	8:00 p. m.
20 Sat.	Stake Road Shows, Berkeley Recreation Hall	8:00 p. m.
24 Wed.	ANNUAL HARVEST BALL, SCOTTISH RITE AUDITORIUM, OAKLAND, with Oakland Stake.	9:00 p. m.
27 Sat.	*Stake Young Peoples' Dance, Claremont Recreation Hall	

Berkeley Stake Meeting Calendar

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER

OCTOBER		
1, 2, 3	GENERAL CONFERENCE, SALT LAKE CITY	
7 Thurs.	Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p. m.
9 Sat.	General Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley Chapel	8:00 p. m.
10 Sun.	ERA WEEK BEGINS	
18 Mon.	Berkeley Stake M. I. A. Leadership Meeting, Martinez Chapel 7:30 p. m.	
NOVEMBER		
4 Thurs.	Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p. m.
13 Sat.	BERKELEY STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE, BERKELEY CHAPEL	
4 Sun.	BERKELEY STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE, BERKELEY CHAPEL	
15 Mon.	M. I. A. Stake Leadership Meeting, Martinez Chapel	7:30 p. m.

Peter Glen Kenner Leaves on Mission To Eastern States

Peter (Pete) Glen Kenner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kenner of the LDS Institute in Berkeley, has been called to fill a Church mission in the new England Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He will be given a farewell testimonial in the Berkeley chapel, Sunday evening October 3 , 7 p. m., and will enter the mission home in Salt Lake City, October 6.

Elder Kenner had already registered at the University of California in his third year of a pre-dental course but the sudden call was gladly accepted. He has spent the summer working for the Federal Forestry Service in the rust control work.

Frank Millward Meets Apostle Lee In Japanese Mission

Elder Frank Millward, son of the F. Curtis Millwards of Claremont Ward, is reported by a Japanese saint as leading in kindnesses to Elder and Mrs. Harold B. Lee of the Council of Twelve on their visit in Japan. Frank suggested a present to Brother and Sister Lee at the time of thtir visit in Assahigawa Branch; he also succeeded in preparing a Japanese youth so that he could be ordained an elder under the Apostle's hands.

Progress in mastering the difficult Japanse language by Elder Millward is also mentioned by Brother Fukuhara in his letter to Mrs. Millward, thanking her for his baby girl and others.

Rodeo Ward Secures New Building Site, For Two-Ward Chapel

The Rodeo Ward, Berkeley Stake, has recently secured title to a five-acre building site for erection of a two-ward chapel some time in the near future. That section is enjoying a great growth in population.

Two construction companies are now erecting or have in the planning stage 750 and 500 homes respectively in the El Sobrante area., and a $2,500,000 high school is almost ready to be dedicated there. It is understood that the new super highway No. 40 will pass thur El Sobrante, thus opening the region to commercial and home development.

The chapel site is located in El Sobrante on what is commonly known as the Standard Oil Company's tank farm, used for locating oil storage tanks. Now the company has been fit to place a large area of this tract on the market, and the Church was able to have its pick of available sites at reasonable prices. The property selected has an excellent view. It is on Road 24 between what will be El Centro and El Patio Streets when they are extendtd. It is felt that a two-ward chapel will be needed, and recreation and parking area.

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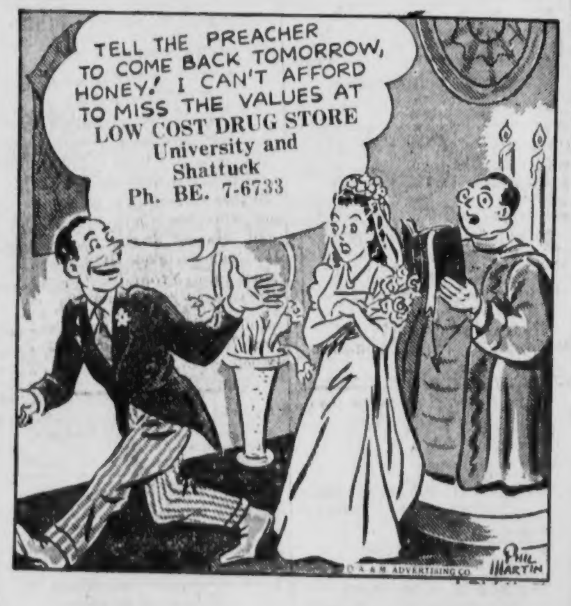
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a rail fence; when one of the villains grabbed for the plates, he knocked him down with his right fist while carrying the plates under his left arm clasped to his body. Then he ran the gauntlet with several more, and when he came in the house she said he was completely out of breath. She took the plates from him and laid them on the table temporarily, and helped revive him until he got breathing properly, and also examined his hand, and treated it for the bruises on his knuckles, where he had struck the villain and thus defended himself and the plates."

QUESTION:

"Mr. Salisbury, I would like to ask you a few questions, if you would permit me, in regard to the charactar, and the mode of life, and the age of your grandmother, Katherine Salisbury, who, of course, as we have mentioned, was one of the sisters, (Sophonia being the other sister) of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Mr. Salisbury, what do you remember of the physical appearance of your grandmother as you saw her while she was alive there at Fountain Green, in Illinois?"

MR. SALISBURY:

"My grandmother, my father's mother, the sister of Joseph Smith the Prophet was a very hale and strong appearing woman, very determined in mind and strong character, and the kind of a woman who would hen-peck a man that didn't have equal determination. Sophroni was similar in charactar and appearance, and the Prophet's widow also, Emma Hale Smith. After the Prophet's death, they regarded President Young as an alien and probably an enemy; and they were so strongminded that none of the missionaries from Utah could make any impression on them. She once told me that President Young took quite a lot of the Church west to Salt Lake City and started polygamy there eight years after her brother's death and laid it on to her brother, and she was indignant about it."

QUESTION:

"Mr. Salisbury, you also mentioned, as I recall at one time, that your grandmother, Katherine, told you that President Young was interested in your grandmother and that he was kind enough to send her a little money, I think in amount of a few hundred dollars, to help her move to Utah if she wished to. Would you mention that fact, and what she did with the means?"

MR. SALISBURY

"At one time, Brigham Young sent my grandmother, Katherine Smith Salisbury, several hundred dollars by two elders and I have seen the letter she received in the nice Spencerian hand in which his secretary wrote it at that time and signed by his well-known signature, Brigham Young: telling her that he was sending that money to her and that he would like to have her remove to Utah, My grandmother took that money and stayed right there among the mobocrats and bought 40 acres of land and built a house with her money, which was her home until she died."

QUESTION:

"Mr. Salisbury, would you now be kind enough to state the age of your grandmother and her condition in her old age, I mean her physical condition."

MR. SALISBURY:

"My grandmother, Katherine Smith Salisburg, the Prophet's Sister was born in 1813, she claimed, although the family records show it 1812, and she was at least 87 years old when she died in 1900, and hale and hearty until the day of her death. She recovered the second sight so she read fine print without the aid of sptetacles or glasses."

QUESTION:

"One question more we should like to ask, if you are willing, is in regard to your own self, the positions you have occupied in life. You might state also how many children Catherine had, if you recall that, and then tell us a little about your own biography."

MR. SALISBURY:

"In addition to my father, Don Carlos Salisbury (named after her youngest brother whom she idealized, Don Carlos Smith) she had three other sons grow to handhood who had families, and one daughter grow to womanhood, who left a family. As to myself I hold batchelor, master's and doctor's degree in science, graduate of Carthage College, post-graduate at the University of Illinois, and have been professor of geology at the A & M College of Texas, president of Graceland College and assistant church historian in the Reorganized Church. Also I have been county and city surveyor in Carthage, holding both offices at the same time, and at the same time my brother was also an officer, elected by the Democrats while I was elected by the Republicans."

QUESTION:

"Mr. Salisbury, has just stated, and I should like to put this on the record, that he was born in 1870 so that this year, 1954, he is 84 years old and is in fine health and enjoying life to the full."

MR. SALISBURY

"In addition to that I would like to say that George Albert Smith was born in 1870 in the spring, and I in the fall of 1870. And this fall I will be 84 years old, and still in good health. George Albert and I were close personal friends for years, corresponded continually and visitd one another frequently. I consider him one of the finest examples of a Christian gentleman that I ever met."

Pleasant Hill Ward

Members Urged Give More Time on Chapel Before Rains Descend

By Dora Friedrich

Bishop's Message — We deeply appreciate the fine labor contribution many of you are making on our ward chapel. Through your efforts we are now meeting in the the facilities of the classroom section.

But there is still much to be done, especially before the rains fall. We urge all members to give all the time they can before bad weather strikes to help get our lot and the large building ready. This is most important to the success of our project. May the Lord bless us all in this effort.

—Joseph Roy Hilton, bishop.

Mutual — Individual awards for reaching high standards in activities of the Church, and abiding by its teachings were rectived at a recent Sacrament meeting by Linda Curtis, Sharon McQuivey, Bonnie Oram, Cheryl White, Kathleen Peacock; and leaders Ione Buskirk, Margaret Openshaw and Helen Finell.

Sunday School — Wendall Jackson, S. S. superintendent, announces the following additions to his staff: Doris Weaver, teacher, and Paul Rhodes, enlistment director. New Sunday School time is 10:30 a.m.

Relief Socitty — The wrong and right attitudes of visiting teachers were cleverly revealed in a skit on Septtmber 23, when Relief Society visiting teachers were honored at a lovely luncheon at the home of Dorothy Oram.

* We welcome a new member by baptism, Mrs. Nadine Haight. Those blessed this month were her son, Robin Haight, Marsha Ann Gnehm and Dirk Gifford.

* * Enjoying a speedy recovery following recent surgery is a beloved member, Lloyd Johnson, of the high council.

Choir — Calling all tonsil artists to sing with our choir, which is now holding weekly rehearsals on Thursdays, 8 p.m., at the chapel. Please come out, all of you!

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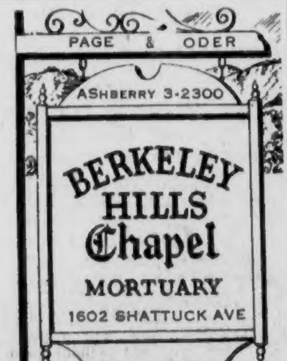

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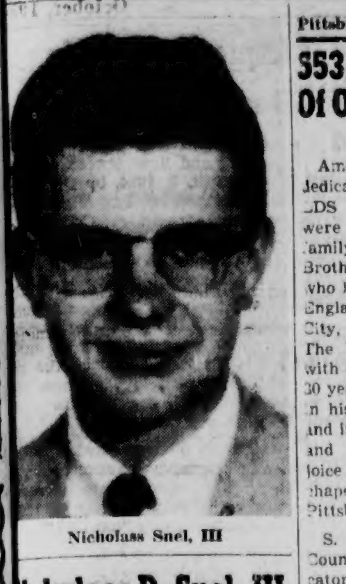

Nicholass Snel, III

icholaas D. Snel III alled to Homeland olland on Mission

Nicholass D. Snel, III. will leave r the Holland mission on October . after his regular training riod in the Salt Lake Mission me. Nico, as he is known, will back to the land of his birth bring the gospel he has learned love to his homeland. Born ar Amsterdam, Holland, on Aust 4, 1934, Nico received most his schooling during the time the hostilities in Europe.

His parents, the Nicolass D. els, II, brought him to America d settled here in Walnut Creek. re he attended the Acalanes gh School, majoring in music. the Brigham Young University, here he attended for almost two ars, he was president of the era work shop, first violinist in symphony orchestra, ROTC le chorus, and acapella choir, king several tours while with ese organizations.

At the present time he belongs the Oakland symphony orches, civic opera company, (singing th the group in "Blossom Time" esentld this past month), and rmon male chorus. He has been salesman in a local store. He ls us that he has one(?) local terest.

A farewell party was held for n on September 23, at the classm section of the new chapel, th a program, dancing, and reshments. On Sunday, Septemr 19, a testimonial was given Sacrament meeting.

remont Ward

ummage Sale to Aid rinda Building Fund

Orinda branch will conduct a mmage sale November 4, the oceeds to be used toward the ure purchase of a building site which to build our own chapel Orinda. Anyone wishing to conbute articles toward this worthy use, may do so by phoning the airman, Mrs. Graber at CLifford 434 (this is not a toll charge m Berkeley or most Oakland mbers) or dropping her a note the following address: Mrs. V. Graber, 38 Linda Vista, Orinda. re is that opportunity to clean t those unwanted things, and ford someone who needs the oprtunity to purchase them at a minal cost. We'll all be helping ch other, too!

Brother Sam Scott of the Branch esidency was sustained for ornation as a high priest at the t stake priesthood meeting.

Ealon and Easton Willey, who rently moved into our branch are eady active. We do appreciate em. Sister Willey has been givg her talents to the Senior Firee and Brother Willey is an acmplished musician and has lent usical ability in our services.

Sister Coleen Holbrook is in Salt ke City with her children Kevin, becca and Deborah. Coleen's other has been seriously ill but are happy that she is now improving. Coleen is very active in imary.

The Mylan Healy's may well be oud of their daughters Marilyn d Jean. Both won awards for gular attendance at Sacrament eting. Mylan is in the branch esidency ad Margaret, mother of e girls, is an active Primary orker.

Sister Mary Ann Campbell, who cently joined the church with sband Bruce and children Cyna, Sharon and James, is our new imary secretary. Welcome Mary n.

Pittsburg Ward

553 See Dedication Of Our Ward Chapel

By Margartt A. Davis

Among the 553 who attended dedication of the Pittsburg ward LDS chapel Sunday, August 29 were members of the first LDS family in the Pittsburg area Brother and Sister Francis Mellar who had accepted this new faith in England. They moved to Salt Lake City, then, in 1923, to Pittsburg The Millars began seeking saints with whom to worship. Now, after 30 years of meeting with the saints in his own home, a store building and in rented halls, Brother Mellar and his family are able to rejoice with other members in a chapel dedicated to the Lord in Pittsburg.

S. Dilworth Young of the First Council of Seventy gave the dedicatory prayer in which he blessed the chapel and all members that we might work together so that the chapel would serve the purpose for which it was constructed.

Bishop J. H. Kirby, the ward's first bishop, was the only former bishop who was unable to attend. The ward's second bishop, Finley C. Pearce, told how the Lord had inspired him to go to certain men with tht problems which arose regarding a site for the chapel.

Our ward's third bishop, Harold Maybey, who still resides in this ward, gave the invocation. Fourth bishop, LaFarr P. Astle, who also lives here, and under whose leadership the greater part of the construction was completed, gave a brief history of the ward's progress.

Bishop William P. Furnell, present bishop, urged using the chapel to take care of the spiritual needs of the ward.

Brother and Sister Melvin Clayton, former members of the ward, from Salt Lake City, were also present. Brother Clayton is numbered among those with the most hours of work on the chapel. Many others came back to Pittsburg for the dedication.

Martinez Ward

Former Ward Bishop Moves to Santa Rosa

Martinez Ward has lost two more of its fine families, the John T. Abbotts and Bob and Sally Bohn. Brother Abbott, former bishop of the ward has been retired from the Associated Oil Co., and has moved with his wife to Box 4894 Petaluma Hill Road, Santa Rosa, California. Bob and Sally Bohn have left for Florida where Bob will continue his education.

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On September 7 Martinez Mutual opened the fall season. Ansel Rohrick is the new Mutual chorister replacing Val Lefler, who is now a freshman at BYU. Diane Meiers, one of our active young people, has moved to Pittsburg.

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The primary children presented their Fall Festival to parents and friends, September 9. Pictures of the July 24th parade at Concord were shown at this time. Primary is now on winter schedule, Thursdays from 4 to 5 p. m. New Primary workers are Sylvester and Kathryn Haley.

Sister Afton Hipwell has been chosen as first ward historian, and is now working on a complete history of the Martinez ward.

Blessed this month: Don, Steve and Dennis Stopher. Two converts, Oleta Mae Stopher and Shirley Jean Custodio were baptised. We welcome them heartily. Priesthood ordinations: Roy Haley and Ed Graves; deacons: Arnold Hult and Larry Kent,; teachers: Bob Perrins and Merl Hult, priests.

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Berkeley Second

Ward Annual Bazaar Scheduled October 9 Has Gifts, Fun, Food

By Delsa Walton

Do you want to have a lot of fun, good dinner, buy lovely gifts, and help the welfare budget? Then, be sure to be among those present at the annual ward bazaar October 9.

Welcome to our ward

J. H. Harmon, his wife Emma and daughter Sue Ellen, Ronald Maxine and son Richard Blotter. J. H" is President W. Glenn Harmon's brother.

A special greeting to our new converts Billie Lucas and Bob Brady.

Berkeley Second: Congratulations to Milt and Nite Noe: their daughter, Mileta, has a baby girl

East Richmond

Members Interrogated Regarding New Chapel

by Elaine Wightman

This week we've interrogated several active members of our ward on "Why you Think We Need New Chapel." Here are some answers:

John Carpenter: A president of our elder's quorum. The real need for a new chapel is a meeting place with more adequate space; where our children may come for spiritual training and recreational activities. We need adequate class rooms for study and rooms to carry on auxiliary activities such as Relief Society room, Bishop's office.

Noblene Echols—President of Relief Society. "One of Relief Society's responsiblities and concern is the status of their ward! Is it united? Does it have a strong spiritual bond? Does the ward work and play well together?

"Building a chapel will make the answed to all these questions YES. A feeling of unity will some a bond of fellowship and spirituality will grow."

Verna Pitcher — President of Young Ladies' M. I. A. "A new chapel would stimulate more interest in the youth, give them enough rooms for class work, and for any type of recreation they might plan. It could mean a place of our own for the Green and Gold ball each year. We parents sacrifice for the clothing and small luxuries our children want; now let's make a big sacrifice and give them something they both need and want and also help them to be better citizens and church members."

Rita Hall—Jr. Sunday school coordinator. "Children can learn best in pleasant surroundings, with no noise or interruptions, with ample room for activity, and with good visual aid facilities. Teachers will be able to present more worthwhile lessons. The parents of young children are anxious to provide a new chapel for East Richmond Ward so our children can better enjoy their Sunday school experiences, and learn valuable stories their teachers prepare."

Ivy Gowans—Secretary of Primary. "Reasons we need a new chapel: 1. Room to house our supplies; 2. a larger chapel command more respect from children with more quiet and reverence; 3. more classrooms. We need room in classrooms for hanging pictures, and using visual aids; 4. We need room for recreation, such as picnics, parties, games and around-block parades for children."

Wallace Wightman—First counselor in Bishopric. "Few people who build chapels, remain to enjoy them for themselves but build for future generations to enjoy. The greatest blessing that can come to us is to build and sacrifice, because we will thus reap untold blessings from our Heavenly Father. This is confirmed by Church history of all those who sacrificed to follow our Church leaders."

Berkeleyan Wins Honors in Korea

Airman 3-c Joseph C. Wood, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Earl Wood, 2805 Kelsey St. recently won top honors at an Air Force post exchange school in Korea.

Elder Wood received the personal congratulations of Gen E. J. McGaw, USAF, commanding officer, when he placed first in a class of 27 with a 99 per cent average.

The Berkeley High School graduate attended West Contra Costa Junior College prior to entering the air force in February, 1953.

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Oakland, San Francisco Stakes Mia Maids and Bee Hive Girls Camp at Cazadero Redwoods

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ranged. The girls with their flashlights and clasped hands hiked a half mile into an open field, where stories and a talk about the stars was given. Toasted marshmallows was the surprise treat.

Friday, Round-Up Day began, with an early morning observation hike and a breakfast cook-out. Oranges, cereal, bacon, eggs, toast, butter, jam and hot chocolate, all cooked by the girls up on Ward's Creek flats—Um-m—was it good! The evening was completed with that never-to-be-forgotten hay ride. If you could only hear those girls sing!

On Saturday, sports tournaments, games, fun with music, added excitement and an incentive for the development of good sportsmannship. A beach party and and a "mad hatter's" parade were part of the "Fun Day."

Sunday in Camp

Sunday at camp is always a day long to be remembered. The girls observed fast day. The services under the direction of Priesthood leaders, were most inspiring. A choral reading, songs from a girl's chorus, musical numbers, talks by visitors and beautiful testimonies of love and appreciation were given by the girls. The meeting was held in the Berkadero Bowl, which is surrounded by breathtaking redwood trees. After the banquet and rest period, the girls had time to get the autographs and pictures of friends for their "Let's Remember" diaries—a souvenir of the camp. A progressive story festival was an interesting part of the Sunday program. A short service and "fireside" were held in the evening. Members of each group became closer to one another as the last night at camp approached.

Among the many clever articles made in the handicraft shop directed by Myrtle Snarr was the quilt which was made by the girls and will be sent to the Children's Hospital.

Appreciation is extended to all leaders and parents of girls who have helped make this event possible. We are especially grateful to all the physicians who have so willingly helped with medical examinations.

Director, Assistants

Rhea Gustaveson, director of the camp, was assisted by the following leaders: Myrtle Snarr, Dorothy Goesch, Jane Workman, Barbara Bates, Dorothy Breur and Louise Dearth of Oakland Stake and Y.W. Pres. Marion Nelson Karma Colovich and Nonie Brusse of San Francisco Stake. Assisting these leaders were Junior Counselors Bessie Norberg, Ann Taylor, Carol Christensen, Karen Ray Janet Haycock and several Junior Gleaners. These girls had been specially trained.

In addition to the guests named twenty-two parents were visitors in camp.

Girls Attending

Girls attending the encampment at Cazadero this year include the following:

San Francisco:

Mission: Mary Carlson, Joan Libby, Sheila Unck, Lana Teo.

Sunset: Judy Mayfield, Sandra Petry, April Aaron and Karen Ray.

Balboa First: Kathy Glazier, Leslie Newcomb, Leslie Glazier.

Balboa Second: Karen Okelberry, Dorothy Pearson, Karen Gill Diane Lindman.

San Rafael: Judith Gille, Judith Tomlinson, Kathleen Casper, Cheryl Lynn, Lynda Tomlinson.

Oakland Stake

Alameda: Carol Korber, Bernice Eastman, Ruth Gustaveson, Patricia Dearth, Sandra Walters, Janet Dearth, Elsie Fonoimoana, Cheryl Gustaveson and Lynn Traver.

Oakland: Dorothy Brown, Barbara Venturi, Diane Venturi, Audrey Diridoni.

Oakland Second: Sharon Hartman, Yvonne Seidl, Sharon Nethercott, Diane Darton, Carole Bryant, Joan Nicholls, Pat Partington

Oakland Third: Barbara Bennett, Pauline Martinez, Judy Barber, Ruth Ann McKennon, Kathy Kollinbaum, Linda Decker, Karen Smith.

Oakland Fourth: Virginia Young Lora Woods, Pat Finch, Pat Stewart, Karol Larsen.

Oakland Fifth: Nadine Holm Joyce Swenson, Nancy Halman Jalair Knudson, Carolyn Doxey Sharon Hart, Carol Lynn Smith Linda Moody, Sharon Edward Bessie Norberg Ann Taylor, Carol Christensen, Kim Goesch.

Castro Valley: Joanne Johnsen Tommie Jean Lunsford, Judy Fontano, Carol Webb, Kathy Kneeshaw, Sara Jane Holfeltz, Carol Anne Tietjon, Diane Bodily, Chrisee Tietlon, Charleen Workman, Linda Workman.

San Lorenzo: Connie Smith, Jean Holmes, Julie Crane.

San Leandro: Janet Haycock, Linda Avey, Marjorie Davis, Rosemary Oslter, Judie Twelves, Georgana Willis, Connie Schipper, Karen Hansen, Launa Richman, Stephanie Wewster, Dorothy Brewer.

Centerville: Lola Lofton.

Berkeley: Sue Boyack.

FLASH

It is with regret that word has been received from the photographer that the pictures taken on Sunday at camp were spoiled. Provided any of the girls who took pictures have any that might be used for publicity purposes, please contact Rhea Gustaveson, LA kehurst 2-2051.

Charles Hilder Seen On "Soldier Parade" In New York City

By Carol Burlingame

Charles Hilder, formerly of Mission Ward, now of the Special Service division of the U.S. Army was selected to go to New York City in September to appear on the "Soldier Parade" starring Arlene Francis. He did an impersonation of Al Jolson.

The Beehive and Scout groups had a breakfast September 25 from 10 a.m. to 12:30, at Sigmond Stern Grove.

The special interest group, under the direction of Lynn Peacock, is sponsoring a basic course in Civil Defense Training. The course consists of six sessions, to be given each Mutual evening, from 8:00 to 8:50. Four members of the Police Department, a Fire Chief, and an officer from the Public Health Department, will be the speakers. Inspector Osterloh, in charge of the Disaster Training Corps, opened the first session, while Inspector Von Nostitz gave the first lesson. The curriculum is as follows: practical instruction on the general phase of civil defense, general enemy attack, fire fighting, atomic and hydrogen attack, police functions, and problem of public health. Ins. Von Nostitz said that, while wt all hope and pray that we'll never have to put this information to work, many lives could be saved if we all knew a little about civil defense.

Sister Verda Henry and her home-builders Primary group celebrated the 25th anniversary of that association with a silver jubilee September 24, at 7:30, in the recreation hall. The program was based on the home. The Larks performed the Gateway Ceremony which welcomed them into the home-builders. Janet Bishop received a sea gull pen for her services during tht summer.

Livermore

Genealogy Group Organized For Work

By Della McLaughlin

Greetings from Livermore. We are happy to announce that our Genealogy Committee has been organized with William Edwards as the chairman. We held a pot luck dinner Saturday, Sept. 18 1954, to get everyone acquainted with the purpose and workings of the committee.

Our Primary has two new teachers: Billie Thomas, our new co pilots teacher; and Sylvia Warfall our new teacher in the Trail Builders group.

The Frank Nelsons returned in mid-September from a trip to Idaho relatives.

New members in our branch welcomed are the Andrew Gardners, the William Condies, and the Sherrill Alveys. We are very happy to have them with us.

There are two ways of being happy: We may diminish our wants or augment our means—either will do it—the result is the same; and it is for each man to decide for himself and do that which happens to be the easiest.

—Ben Franklin

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Santa Rosa Ward

Trailbuilder Boys Challenge Dads, Win Softball Game

By Gwen Griffith

We are very proud of our trail builder boys who, under the capable direction of Sister Irma Tuft have had a very successful summer of softball. The boys elected Don Crockett as Captain and Jack [illegible] acted as referee, and they challenged their fathers to a game on Aug. 23, which ended because of darkness with the score 20-14 in favor of the boys.

The first court of honor has been held. Tenderfoot badges were awarded to Ted Christensen, Lee Bascom and Don Crockett. The boys presented their mothers with miniature badges.

Opening party for Relief Society was a bazaar shower and fashion show, sponsored by Naomi Cheney of Rosalies. Models were Louise Olson, Theo Hilderbrand Aileen Merrill, Mary Sorensen Mildred Neff and daughter Wilma LaPreal Robbins, LaVon Cheney and Grace McPeak.

The bazaar shower was to show individual gifts made for the bazaar to be held Oct. 15.

Past presidents Mary Crockett Muad Briscoe, Louise Arntsen and Agnes Gross were honorees in opening the bazaar presents.

Berkeley First

Pres. Emery R. Ranker Attends Ward Conference

Pres. Emery R. Ranker stressed the great joys coming from stake missionary work. He also pointed out that Berkeley Ward will be increasing its activities in his regard. Bishop Jarman stated that calls for stake missionaries will soon go out and he hopes that all who are asked to serve will realize the obligation and respond gladly.

Elder Ranker commented on the small number o f baptisms Berkeley First, the large numbers of membership withdrawals which have amount to 101 since last January first. Hence we need to bring in more converts by mission work if we are to maintain our ward population and show a normal increase year by year.

Dozens of young persons of the ward have recently taken recommends and gone away to college or to the armed services. A question now arises as to whether parents of the ward wish Firesides Sunday evenings.

Lee and Kirma Kenner are again busy at the LSD Institute. Brother Kenner reports 91 U. C. students at the first Institute Sunday School Sept. 19. Mr. and Mrs. Kenner also are teaching at 7 a. m seminary group , at the Institute of Berkeley high school boys and girls.

Herbert Golden who suffered a stroke several years ago is now very sick at the Highland hospital.

Berkeley First has 15 of its high school boys and girls enrolled in the Seminary class meeting at 7 a m. daily at the Institute.

Two former Berkeley First young married men now in Fresno were made bishops of two Fresno wards Sunday, August 12. They are Dave McCellan, husband of Dawna Ericksen, and Albert G. Everett, husband of Marilyn Harmon. Dave teaches art in Fresno State.

The ward members are delighted with the chapel renovation which has been going forward recently and will be completed soon. The Jr. Sunday school quarters have been painted, and carpeted; have new draperies and oak pews in ivory tone and a junior pulpit and organ.

The stage has received a new flooring, and new draw draperies look beautiful at the windows of the amusement hall. The wood work has been cleaned and re varnishd.

In the planning stage is the re furnishing and beautifying of the foyer and the Relief Society room

A cordial invitation is extended to all personas to become members of the ward choir, a group devoted to coral music, inspired church service, and warm friendships.

Come all-from teen age up. You will love it, and bless others. "Lonnie" Hutchinson is president of the choir, Harold J. Glenn is conductor, Mary Russell Burton is organist, and Yvonne Johnson, secretary.

Come Thursday for practice from 7:30 to 9 p. m. at the ward chapel.

Berkeley Stake Road Show Dates Changed From October to November On Year's Theme, "United We Stand"

The annual presentation of the Berkeley Stake road shows has been set for Friday and Saturday November 19 and 20. Friday's presentation will be held in the Pittsburg Ward recreation hall; the Saturday offering at the Berkeley Ward recreation hall.

Originally scheduled for October 22 and 23, the new dates were set to avoid competition with Saturday night high school football games.

This year's theme selection made by Stake directors Lloyd and Yvonne Parry is "United We Stand." It is considered a particularly appropriate theme at this time and has unlimited possibilities for variety and fine entertainment.

An innovation in judging is announced. Judges are to be selected from each ward - one only to a ward. The judging may be done by each judge on either Friday or Saturday night. When each judge turns in his report it will be averaged with all other judges reports to determine the final ratings of each atc.

Napa Ward

Completion Expected Of New Chapel

By Catherine J. Woolley

We are looking forward to a speedly completion of our chapel. It is such a pleasure to meet in separate classrooms, where everyone is comfortable and hears. How much nicer it will be to have floors finished, hardware on, and a beautiful new chapel to dedicate to our Father in Heaven.

The finance committee are formulating plans for coming months to raise the necessary funds to complete the work. Brother Verl Taysom is to be commended for his fine work as chairman. The M. I. A. prepared and served the monthly family dinner for September. It was well attended and everyone had all the turkey and dressing they could eat.

Individual Achievement awards were presented to our girls recently. Alice Egy and Nora Keeler, converts of about one year, were presented the teachers awards.

Brother Vernon Newman has joined Brother Harold Keeler and Sam Hagler in the Sunday School superintendency. Plans are being made to organize a Junior S . S. as soon as their assembly room is completed.

PRUNES HARVESTED

A bounteous harvest of prunes were harvested during the past few weeks. We are grateful to all for their help and especially grateful for the goodness of our Father in Heaven for the wonderful Welfare Farm and to Brother and Sister Wilson, the caretakers of the farm. Under the fine leadership of our bishopric, we are really growing in Napa Ward..

WEDDING BELLS

NAPA Carol Grasteit, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Frank Grasteit, will marry William Green of Napa, on Nov. 5th.

Jim Stout was married to Margaret Schmits on August 29th.

Rae Auger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Thomas Auger and James Stubbs, son of Bro. and Sis. William Stubbs, have announced their engagement. Wedding plans ar indefinite.

BIRTH

NAPA. The home of Bishop and Sister Woolley was blessed with a baby girl on July 22.

Young Robert was welcomed in the home of Bob and Edith Morton.

The Ray Stoddards are parents of a new son.

President and Sister John L. Murdock are the proud grandparents of another grandson. The mother is the former Mary Ann Murdock. Sister Murdock is in New York with Mary Ann and family, the Robert Mendenhalls.

Relief Society Dinner And Bazaar Coming

By Kay Rayner

October 15 has been scheduled for the annual Relief Society bazaar and dinner. It will open at 2 p. m. with various articles of merchandise on sale, as aprons, pillow cases, dish clothes night gowns. It will be easy to take care of Christmas shopping early among the excellent selection - all hand-made by the sisters. A special table for children is also planned with toys and doll clothes. In the evening the sisters will serve a pot luck supper. Everyone is urged to come out and support this worthly event.

The fall Relief Society program begins October 5. The schedule will be as follows—first Tuesday, theology, under the instruction of Sister Karpus; second Tuesday, work meeting; third Tuesday, literary meeting with Jullie Barrett; and fourth Tuesday, social science, taught by Helen Mann. The sisters in the ward are cordially invited to come and partake of the wonderful spirit found in the weekly meetings. Starting time is 2 p. m. with the exception of the work meetings, which begin at 10 a. m.

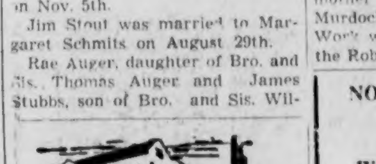
Airman 3/c Joseph C. Wood, son of Brother and Sister Joe Wood, won top honors at an air force post exchange school in Korea recently. He received the personal congratulations of General E. J. McGaw, USAF, when he placed first in a class of twenty nine with a ninety-nine percent average. His wife, the former Mary Morse, is now employed at the University of California.

A hayride was enjoyed by the junior and senior M-men and Gleaners at Tilden park recently. The hayride was divided into two sections, and while one group rode, the other participated in a picnic and watermelon feed. While on the ride, songs and music made the time fly.

Our sympathies to Sister Lenore Wood, who recently flew to Salt Lake City for the funeral of her mother, Mrs. John M. Connon.

Back to BYU for another year are ward members LaPrele Badouin, Enid Wood, and Aubrey Megarian.

We welcome back into the ward Don C. Wood, his wife Jodine, and their two children. Don has been residing in Port Angeles, Washington but is now attending "Cal".



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Married in the Salt Lake Temple on August 18 with President Raymond H. Clayton presiding were Natalie Neff, daughter of Mr and Mrs. David Brinton Neff of San Francisco, California, and Robert Nolan Pratt, son of Mr. Mrs. Robert E. Pratt of McGill, Nevada.

Immediately following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was given in honor of the newly-weds at the Hotel Utah.

Following a journey to Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas and Yosemite, a reception was help at the San Francisco Stake House.

The bride had as her attendants Mrs. Lou Ann Minton, and Misses Marilyn Munk, Ina Martin, and Barbara Glover.

The groom's best man was Bailey Neff. Allen Anderson, Samuel Neff and Duncan Neff were ushers.

The couple are residing in Ely, Nevada.

Burgon's Bungled Business Becomes Bigger and Better

By H. W. Burgon

It is sometimes said, "That which a man thinketh; so he becomes." Judging from the many beautiful thoughts expressed for October's bungled games by the readers of "The Messenger," one soon concludes they are, unquestionably, among the best people on earth. How we wish all could be published. Three have been selected for our October game.

But first; here are September's sentences unbungled.

No. 1 — Contributed by Sister Engle: "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

No. 2 — by Sister Sanders: "Today's spiritual anemia may bring a sad awakening tomorrow."

No. 3 — by Sister Fisher, "The love of God for his children surpasses all understanding."

Congratulations to all who tried. Almost everyone sent the solutions of all three sentences, and everyone shall receive a copy of "In Memoriam," by John A. Widtsoe. For this little gem thanks again to "Bookcraft," 1186 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, publishers of the best in Church books.

October prize has not yet been determined, but the real value is in the solutions and contributions. Our next sentences submitted by the readers will be selected on the same basis as before. We who try to share all the benefits of the games, gets the greatest joys in the reading of the many letters received.

So, here we go for more fun and joy for October.

No. 1 — sent by Sister Zina H. Baker, San Francisco, California.

YUTHPSTARLI NDA YOMTARIL REA TON DERIITHEN.

No. 2 by Sister R. B. Davies, San Bruno, California.

NITPASCRONARITO HTE EFHIT FO MITE NAD TOYITPUNORP.

No. 3 by Sister Estella Johnson, Oakland, California:

A ROHPTEP SI ENO OWH FOR ODG NERUD ETH RNTIOSINPIA FO VEHNEA.

Best of luck and happy sailing for all. Please note, especially, the change in address and send all solutions and contributions for October's game to:

H. W. Burgon, 2547 Andrade Ave., Richmond, California.

Local Businessmen Win Recognition

Phil Lewis and Dave Snyder, partners of East Bay Agency of Richmond, were designated today as "Kemper Approved Insurance Advisors," according to Phil Lewis. The East Bay Agency represents the casualty and motorists insurance divisions of Kemper Insurance.

Agents who are given the designation agree to observe eight standards of better insurance service in all their relationships with their clients.

Phil Lewis has supervised the Senior Aaronic softball tournament for Berkelty Stake this year, and is member of the Liahona club. active in Boy Scout work. He is a

News About Books

Dr. Deter Neeley has surprised everyone again. Not content with her popular four-volume, "Child's Story of the Book of Mormon," she is coming out this fall with "A Child's Story of the Pearl of Great Price." $1.75.

Preston Nibley has also "done it again," putting into one volume 61 short, illustrated biographies of loved and often heard of but less prominent characters in the history of the Church. He calls his book, "Stalwarts of Mormonism." As these stories ran serially in the Church News, readers gave them top choice of all contributed material, it is said. $2.00.

Cleon Skousen's "First 2,000 Years" has been among the first Church books in sales reported by LDS bookdealers ever since its publication. Special interest classes are finding it first choice for this season's lessons in some wards. $3.25. Skousen has just been made head of public relations by Pres. Wilkinson of the Brigham Young University.

"Pioneer Stories" by Preston Nibley is another of his books which is enjoying increased demand from parents as good source material for 2½ minute talks by their children. Nibley's "Adventure Stories" has long been a favorite collection of true western adventure tales, selected from old LDS journals.

Le Grand Richards writes his books just as he preaches sermons with conviction and vehemence. Now he's out with a fall volume, addressed specifically to the Jewish people, but of interest to all members of the Church. Even the title is arresting: "Israel! Do You Know?" $2.00.

Marie Fox Felt, writer of many successful stories for children, in Church periodicals, now presents 35 popular Old Tsetament stories in a book with 32 full-color illustrations. $3.95.

Has the story of the LDS settlements in Mexico ever intrigued you? Even those whose families were not involved, may find interest in Nelle Spillsbury Hatch's intimate story, "Colonia Juarez." $3.50.

Good selling LDS books, now back in print, are Dr. Widtsoe's indispensable reference book, 'Priesthood and Church Government." $2.50; and "Sunday The True Sabbath of God" by Samuel W. Gamble. Valuable especially for missionaries in proving that Sunday is the real, true Sabbath. $2.00.

Mary Lu Eddington Returns Home From India State Service

By Mildred Fontano

On Sept. 20 Mary Lu Eddington, of Oakland Third Ward, arrived in New York City in August from New Delhi, India, where she has been working the past two years in the American Consulate in Cashmere.

Mary Lu says customs and the caste system hinder progress in India with indescribale poverty everywhere. Because of the prestige her position gave her she attended state functions. "Just imagine me," she wrote, "an ordinary American, associating with royalty!" One party was at the ruling shiek's Moslem home with his harem (the wives were not permitted to attend). As a special treat to his guests he showed fabulous jewels, pearls and [illegible] on a Persian carpet.

The first cobra she saw was frightening. Elephants, jackalls, and monkeys roamed the streets of some towns.

In driving cars if one hit a person it was considered a small offense but if one hit a cow he would be put in prison for life, for cows are sacred.

On her vacations she visited Cairo, Cashmere, and Jordan. Saw the cedars of Lebanon, the sphinx, the Nile river and the Pyramids, and went through the Taj Mahal.

The people of India are bitter against the Americans. No American was permitted to go out unless one of the house boys accompanied them.

There is much communism underground. This is the cause of all feelings against the Americans.

Rose Eddington left home Aug. 4 for Washington D.C. to visit two nieces, then to New York to meet her daughter, Mary Lu.

General Conference On Local TV, Radio Saturday, Sunday

The General Conference in Salt Lake City will be carried locally over both TV and regular radio, including FM, both Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3. Here's the scheduled:

SATURDAY, 9 to 11 a. m. and 1 to 3 p. m. on KRON FM, dial 96.5.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 6 p. m. direct wire to Stake Priestmeetings (exclusively m a l e priesthood) of the Tabtrnacle priesthood) of the Tabernacle being held in Salt Lake City. These stake priesthood meetings will be held in the following places: Berkeley Stake in the Berkeley chapel; Oakland Stake in the Oakland chapel; Pacific Grove; Palo Alton Stake in the Palo Alto and the San Mateo chapels; San Joe chapel; Santa Rosa Stake.

SUNDAY TV on K O V R, (channel 13) 9 to 11 a. m.

Sunday also on KRON-FM 9 to 11 a. m. and 1 to 3:30 p. m., dial 96.5.

WHEAT BEST FOR MAN DRAMATICALLY PROVEN AT ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Startling results of an experiment upon college athletes at the University of Illinois Physical Fitness Laboratory who were given wheat germ oil daily in conjunction with exercise are announced in a signed article in the New Gazette of Urbana, Illinois, the home of the University. Dr. T. K. Cureton is head of the laboratory.

"A teaspoonful of wheat germ oil," says the report, "taken daily in conjunction with exercise, has been shown to increase men's physical capacity and endurance by as much as 51.5 per cent."

The reports are based on experiments carried on at the University for more than four years on more than 200 men, including varsity wrestlers, swimmers, youths from a fraternity house, and also middle-aged men who were in poor physical shape at the beginning of the experiment.

Ten scientific consultants have recommended publication of the results in scientific journals. Wheat germ oil, it is explained, was tested in a continuing search for something that will give men extra drive and energy. Alcohol, benzedrine, caffeine, cocaine, digitalis, gelatine, fruit juices, and hormones have been tried in the past and discarded as ineffective, Dr. Cureton said.

"Eight middle-aged professors who combined wheat germ oil with physical training gained 51.5 per cent in the time they could run on the (laboratory) treadmill before they were exhausted. This gain came at the end of 12 weeks of other types of exercise during which they did not go near the treadmill.

"At the same time, a matched group of men—matched in age and initial run time on the treadmill—gained only 19.4 per cent after receiving the same physical training for 12 weeks but without the wheat germ oil."

Equally convincing evidence, according to Dr. Cureton, was obtained in tests with athletes already at the peak of training—such as varsity wrestlers and swimmers. Instead of going into the usual slump after continuing training beyond the usual "plateau" (reached after about 12 weeks of hard training), their performance jumped up to new peaks. At the same time a 'control group' which did not receive the wheat germ oil continued their slump.

"Never before in any experiment," says Dr. Cureton, "have I seen this happen!" He adds, however that few if any similar results can be obtained unless the wheat germ oil is combined with physical training, but the results are far greater than with physical training alone.

Latter-day Saints will see how wonderfully these scientific experiments fulfill the promises given by the Lord to those who follow the dietary, which includes wheat for man in the Word of Wisdom. The promise is "they shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint." D. & C., 89:20.

The lesson is clear also that white bread, which lacks the wheat germ, does not contain the needed wheat germ oil that enables one "to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint"—that is, have extra physical endurance.

Whole cracked wheat cereal and whole wheat bread made at home from fresh ground wheat kernels seem to be things in harmony with the Lord's counsels to the Saints. The various stake welfare centers are beginning to install flour mills and to produce stoneground whole wheat flour and cracked wheat. The Berkeley high priests quorum packages and sells these products every Saturday at Welfare Center on San Pablo Avenue. San Mateo Ward does similarly.

Alameda Co. Camp Daughters of Utah Pioneers begin Meets

The Alameda County Board members of the DUP met at the home of President Lila Graham Aug. 20 to plan the winter's work. Arrangements were made for the local DUP choral group to sing at the DUP fall convention in Salt Lake City. LaVon Johnson is chorister. Jessie Lund, Hazel Allen, Melva Rainey, LaVon Johnson, Pearl Meinie, Lila Graham, Nita Van Noy, Ruby Ostler, and others are in the chorus.

There are eight groups in Alameda County. It is hoped that several new units will be organized this year. One of the most outstanding opening socials was in the Hayward-Castro Valley area. Over thirty-five daughters enjoyed a social hour and luncheon in the patio and garden of daughter Lydia Millet.

Daughter Mildred Fontano of our county board entered the pioneer story contest sponsored by the Sons of Utah Pioneers. She was awarded third prize in the Salt Lake division, and was presented with a beautifully inscribed loving cup.

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Ukiah Ward

New Y. L. Presidency And YMMIA Officers Selected, Sustained

By Ruth LeRoy

The Ukiah Ward MIA was reorganized last Fast Sunday, releasing Opal Kruger as president of the YWMIA and sustaining Eunice Southwick in that office with Joyce Banker and Shirley Adams as counselors. Florence Carter was sustaintd as secretary-treasurer and Fay Call as organist.

In the YMMIA, Cecil Wormell was sustained as stecretary, Carl Middleton as choirister and Gerold Mason as organist. MIA time has been set forward to 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.

Last Sunday the Ukiah Ward genealogical committee presented a most interesting program based on the work and accomplishments of Pres. Wilford Woodruff, a great genealogy worker.

In the Ukiah Ward, genealogical workers have made a complete record of the names on all tombstones in both the Potter Valley and the old Redwood Valley cemeteries and about one eighth of the Ukiah cemetery, a total of 1700 names in all to date.

At the Primary conference in the Ukiah Ward the accent was on the accomplishments of the "Home Builders." Special awards were presented to Sister Lucy Foutz and Sister Arlene Williams for their devotion and years of service in the organization.

Brother C. A. Call, Ward Sunday School superintendent, announced that, until further notice, there would be a stake supervised system of teacher-training wherein a specially qualified person would be selected to give instructions at the regular ward Faculty meetings until such time as the stake superintendency is able to send out a board member for this purpose. Eva Starbard conducted the August class and Ida Middleton the September class. These meetings are held in the chapel on the second Monday of the month at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 12, the Ukiah Ward Sunday School enjoyed the company of George Brewerton, stake missionary president, and Read Keller of the stake high council, at Sunday School.

The ward membership were happy to sustain the bishop in his office, Virgil Wolf as his second counselor, and Ivan Christianson as first counselor.

Bishop Lee Southwick reports concerning the Ukiah Ward farm that the priesthood quorums have harvested 15 tons of hay this summer, that 16 head of beef cattle are now on pasture on the farm, and the pasturage has been rented for sheep. The cattle will be slaughtered for beef this fall and the farm restocked in the spring.

The evening of Sunday, Sept. 19, we were favored with visitors from the stake high council, and Bishop Newman represented the stake in a very inspirational talk.

On Monday, Sept. 20, the Ukiah Ward Relief Society held an all day work meeting in final preparation for the bazaar to be held on Oct. 15, when a ham dinner will be served and special entertainment provided.

Fort Bragg Branch

Bro. Merrill Reports Los Angeles Trip

By Fern Mosier

Aug. 29 Brother Merrill Stake Era representative, gave a report of his trip to Los Angeles and the MIA Conference he attended there.

Brother Cal Berry was ordained to the office of a deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood by George Mosier, Aug 29. William Thomas Washburn was ordained to the office of a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood by George Mosier, Sept. 5. William Thomas Washburn was ordained to the office of a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood by President Ray Fransen, Sept. 12. "Tommy" to his friends, is leaving this afternoon, for the service.

Sept. 5—The members of the Fort Bragg Branch miss the Cox family since their return home.

Today's visitors were Brother and Sister Raymond Pederson of Vallejo and their son-in-law and daughter, Brother and Sister Morgan Busch, from Benicia; and Brother and Sister James Alley of Paradise.

September 12. Sister Ilene Wonacott and husband Howard Wonacott spent a relaxing weekend at their Ridgewood Ranch.

President Ray Fransen and George Mosier made their monthly visit to Point Arena, where a Sunday School has been organized, dependent upon Fort Bragg branch.

Here's What B.Y.U Students Saw Registration Week

Our many Bay area young men and women who left in late September for the fall term at the Brigham Young University saw approximately 59 new faculty members returning to campus.

They saw regular classes started September 27, and that all students who attend the University are required to live in university-approved housing.

They saw the office of Student Housing bubbling with activity as students pour in daily to find homes both on campus and university-approved community housing.

They also saw another very busy office, Student Employment. Many students came on campus early in order to arrange for jobs for the school year. Hundreds of deserving students are enabled to remain in college by placing them in jobs either on campus or in surrounding communities.

They beheld the new million-dollar David O. McKay classroom building set to be completed for winter quarter occupation—three stories in height.

Ground was seen broken for two other buildings — the Botanical Laboratory and the Health Center. The total cost of the two projects, including furnishings and landscaping, will run near $400,000.

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Reputation Sect'y Benson High, Says Washington Writer

"The reputation of Ezra Taft Benson is high—and has gone up instead of down since he came to Washington 13 months ago" wrote the Washington newspaper columnist, Roscoe Drummond, in his July 19 dispatch as printed in the Berkeley Gazette.

"He has demonstrated courage, candor and consistency. This is why he has the regard and respect of his opponents as well as his friends," continues the press writer.

The reason the flexible farm price support bill was finally enacted by the congress is assigned by Mr. Drummond to the fact that "Mr. Benson (suffused) the Republican Senate leadership with some of his own spirit and spunk."

Mr. Drummond comments upon Mr. Benson in these opening paragraphs:

"When talk turns to personalities in Washington—as it occasionally does—there is one member of the cabinet who invariably gets high praise—often the highest.

"This isn't because he is personally suave, or politically clever or an all-things-to-all-people manipulator.

"Quite the opposite. He is direct, straight-forward, persistent, almost too politically innocent, and says the same thing to all the people."

Son Reed, New Benson Aid

Reed Benson, 26, is working for the Republican National Committee and is generally busy making arrangements for his father on the Secretary's heavy out-of-town speaking itinerary. Reed recently ended two years of duty as an Air Force chaplain.

Santa Rosa Stake

Primary Fundalay Draws Many Parents, Children

By Irene C. Hartup

More than 225 parents, teachers and children enjoyed a Stake Fundalay at the Santa Rosa Chapel.

With dance demonstrations from each ward and all participating in ballroom dancing directed by Marie Swanson of Petaluma.

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An apparent relation between drinking and liver cancer was reported Sept. 8, 1954, by Dr. Hugh A. Edmondson of Los Angeles before the International Congress of Clinical Pathology, meeting in Washington, D.C.

He secured this data from the autopsy reports of the Los Angeles County Hospital, where he found a steady increase in cirrhosis—hardening—of the liver since the repeal of prohibition. The frequency rose from one per cent to more than six per cent.

But even more marked was the rise in frequency of cancer of the liver. The cancer rate increased since prohibition repeal, Dr. Edmundson said, was "ten fold."

Reflections

Vinal G. Mauss

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Once again these words ring out and members from far and near will make the pilgrimage to Salt Lake City to hear and see our great leaders. Famous temple square will be a mass of happy and excited people as they meet old friends, some after many years. There will be old memories stirred up and hearts will be young again. Missionaries will live many unforgettable experiences of the past and converts from the old countries will remember home.

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Bishop Wallace Allred Officiates At Hundreds of Weddings, More Than Thousand Funerals

. . . Counselor Wallace N. Allred

Before a capacity audience of ward members, Wallace N. Allred was released as bishop of Mission Ward, Sunday evening, October 17th. He has been called to serve as counselor in the San Francisco Stake presidency after serving since December 2, 1934 almost twenty years as bishop. On August 30, 1930, he was sustained as counselor in the Mission ward bishopric, and thus began a twenty-four year period of activity which included service under all of the presidencies of San Francisco Stake.

During these eventful years he has officiated at 1175 funerals and over 800 marriages. He has had eleven counselors, two of whom have served over ten years. He had directed the remodeling of one ward building, and the erection of the beautiful new Mission ward chapel on 26th Street in San Francisco. The construction is almost complete on the new Junior Sunday

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Oakland 4th to Hold Gigantic Carnival, Varied Rich Bazaar

The Fourth Ward Carnival-Bazaar opens its gates Sat., Nov. 6, at 10 a.m. to all members of the stake, ward and community.

At high noon a gigantic parade featuring Oakland's own Effie Elephant, horses, bands, floats, bicycle entries, cars and the buffoonery of clowns, will march through crowds from Seminary district east to Havenscourt, down Bond to Fairfax, up Fairfax to Foothill and east on Foothill to Mason and to the Carnival, who will watch the parade.

Booths, Games, Food

The old Masonic Hall, the Club House next door and the vacant lot between them will contain the many booths, games, and events of the day. The Relief Society's yearly Handwork and cooked food sales will go on. No one will be hungry, as hamburgers, chili, hot dogs, ice cream and other foods will be sold here.

Glass blowing will be demonstrated and the product sold. A general store will feature the usual and the unusual in old and new merchandise.

Movies will run throughout the day and evening with ballroom dancing to finish the carnival.

Queen Innovation

An innovation to ward bazaars will be the center of attraction. A lovely beauty queen will be chosen from the girls sponsored by each quorum and auxiliary of the ward.

All members of the stake are urged to attend.

Ground Is Broken For New LDS Chapel

In breaking ground for the new chapel for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), officials of the Santa Rosa Stake and Fairfield Ward, along with the mayors of Fairfield and Suisan, break ground where the building will be located at the intersection of Monroe street and Travis boulevard. Reading left to right: Stewart Mitchell, bishop of Fairfield Ward; John Murdock, Napa, president of the Santa Rosa Stake of which the local ward is a part; Mayor Harry E. Gamble of Suisan and Chris Santella, mayor of Fairfield. The shovel held by Murdock will be placed in the archives of the chapel as a memento of the event. The ceremony was held last Saturday afternoon and was attended by a number of out-of-town members of the church. —Solano Co. Courier

Fairfield Ward Breaks Ground For Spacious $125,000 Chapel

Fairfield Ward, twenty miles east of Vallejo, in Santa Rosa Stake, broke ground September 25 for the erection of a new $125,000 chapel and recreational hall. The building will be erected at the intersection of Monroe St. and Texas Boulevard in Fairfield, within sight of the main highway No. 40 to Sacramento. Ten years of planning and activity are thus happily consummated.

The tract on which the edifice will be erected was acquired several years ago and rapidly increased in value until the margin of profit in the sale recently consummated made a good return on the investment.

The first major fund-raising project of the members here was construction of a new house on Utah street. The lot was acquired and most of the work was contributed by Latter-day Saints. Sale of the residence provided a profit which was used, in conjunction with Salt Lake financing, to buy the Umphress tract on which the chapel is being built.

The rest of the 22-acre tract, with one exception, was sold to the city of Fairfield for public school purposes.

O. I. Oliver, perhaps more than any other member, foresaw the possibilities in both building the Utah street residence and purchase of the Umphress tract. He instituted the proceedings that eventually resolved into the present situation.

Oliver had as counselors in the presidency Alden Blaisdell and Grant Bleazard.

Blaisdell became president of the branch following Oliver, and with Blaisdell's release, Stewart Mitchell was sustained for the branch head. The branch was later made a ward and Mitchell a bishop.

The grand daddy of the Latter-day Saints Church in this area is A. B. Snowball, now of Riverside. He provided the initial leadership and was the bulwark of all organizational plans for the small group of Latter-day Saints in this area. First families were the Snowballs, the Olivers, Thompsons, now in the southland, the Blaisdells and the Allens.

L. D. S. Institute Sets Fall Program

The University of California threw open its great halls of learning September 18th. Better than fourteen thousand students returned to the Berkeley campus and the president announced the administration was planning for a student body of 60,000 by 1970. Of this present group of 14,000, more than one per cent belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They are a studious, energetic group, and 100 of them enrolled at Sunday School and classes at the L.D.S. Institute of Religion on LeConte Street, Berkeley, California.

The Alpha Chapter of Lambda Delta Sigma is officered by: President Cliff Wallace from San Diego; Vice President Keith Madsen from Walnut Creek; Secretary Gene Engel from Richmond. The Omega Chapter of Lambda Delta Sigma has as its president, Jean Sabine of Berkeley; vice president, Marilyn Hales from Provo, Utah; secretary, Joyce Thomas from Sacramento, Calif.; and treasurer, Rose Marie Dunham from Berkeley.

Rod and Gun Club

October 8 the group will have a social evening at the Richmond Rod and Gun Club. October 30 they will entertain for the U.C.L.A. students from Los Angeles. The Stanford Deseret Club will be guests of the Berkeley group November 20.

For the first time in the history of the local Institute the Mutual Improvement Association is functioning on the campus. The Y.M.M.I.A. is under the direction of Winifred Wilkinson, Melza Biery and Carolyn Wiley.

Dean Madsen is the president of the Sunday evening service group, assisted by Fred Stone of Stockton, Calif.; and Norvel Jesperson of Phoenix, Arizona.

George Hilton of Oakland is superintendent of the Sunday school; Merrill Probst of Malad, Idaho and A. Bonner Ritchie of San Francisco assistants.

Pete Kenner, son of Director and Mrs. Lee Kenner, left October 6th to serve in the New England mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Lee Gill, a Phi Beta Kappa at the University of California, has been commissioned in the Navy and will serve Uncle Sam in this capacity for three years.

Institute of Religion

During the summer vacation several members of the University group were united in marriage:

June 5th, 1954—Robert Garrick and Colleen Bagley.

June 21st, 1954—Edward Moore and Pat Russell.

July 3rd, 1954—George McGimsey married Pauline Waters of Baltimore, Maryland.

July 9th, 1954—Gene Bramhall and Dorothy Harker were married and moved to New Jersey, where Gene will serve two years as a commissioned officer for Uncle Sam's armed forces.

Our vice president, Natlie Neff, was married August 18th to Robert N. Pratt in the Salt Lake Temple.

September 2nd, 1954—Dick Bliss and Shirley Evans were married in the Salt Lake Temple.

September 7th, 1954—Donna McKnight and Norman Waters were married in the Manti Temple.

Lieutenant Julian Sanders is stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and reports he is also helping the saints build a chapel, and acts as activity counselor for the MIA and teacher of the elders quorum.

Harold Simons Engaged

The report has reached us that one of our group, Harold Simons, is engaged to Deloise Anderson of Washington, D.C. Harold is also in the service of the armed forces. Harold is the brother of our Mary Simons.

Lyle Trammel, one of our last year converts to the Church, is serving in the army in Texas.

Ed Moore and Pat Russel have now moved to Burlingame. Ed has resigned his teaching position at the University of California and accepted permanent employment, as a research worker for Pan American Air Ways. Ed joined the L.D.S. Church last spring.

Morris Cline, our president, is now serving as a Marine in the Eastern States.

The following students attended the October Conference in Salt Lake City: Marvin Follett, Cliff Wallace, Ray Brown, Hans A. Pohlsander and Larry Nemelka.

The following are the Lambda Delta Sigma pledges for the fall semester of 1954: Mildred Anderson, Rhea Barton, Don Biery, Betty Borg, Jo Anne Briggs, Ray Brown, Charles Bursell, Grover Compton, Dollette Cooper, Janet Ellsworth, Tom Greene, Marilynn Horsley, Marlene Jensen, Sharon Jensen, Rvonne Johnson, Diana Madsen, Ray Marshall, Leon Mayhew, Jerry McCorkle, Larry Nemelka, Val Peterson, Jeannie Reiche, Lester Ruf, Noel Stevenson, Gary Thompson, Dolores Wilkins, Carol Wright, Dean H. Zobell, Genjamin Elliott Lafler Jr.

ELDER BENSON URGES INTELLIGENCE IN VOTING

. . . Sec'ty Ezra Taft Benson

Counsel to the Latter-day Saints regarding important principles to guide one during any political campaign and at times for casting one's ballot was voiced at the last October conference of the Church.

We reproduced a summary of one conference address just as it appeared in the daily Deseret News, October 4, 1954.—Editor's Note.

A powerful appeal for Latter-day Saints to use their influence to see that honest, wise and good men be elected to public office was voiced by Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve during the Sunday afternoon session, October 3.

Elder Benson, who is serving as secretary of agriculture in President Eisenhower's cabinet, declared that Americans have a rich heritage but warned that nations often sow the seeds of their own destruction, even before they reach the zenith of their power.

He said that history shows that most great civilizations have not been destroyed until they have been weakened from within.

Elder Benson said he is disturbed by the willingness of some Americans to trade their freedom for security.

'Decadent Morality'

"I would like to emphasize that as nations enjoy greater and greater material blessing there seems to be more interest in preserving comforts than in preserving and safeguarding the principles that have made them great. They seem to become infected with the germs of decadent morality."

What, then, he asked, is the duty of the Elders of Israel?

He said the revelations of God show clearly that our Heavenly

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Ferguson vs Professor Discussions Re-Set For November 8-14

The October series of discussions planned between James B. Bales, theology professor of the Church of Christ, and Attorney Thomas Stuart Ferguson, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was unavoidably postponed because of the illness of Elder Ferguson.

The new dates now announced begin Monday, November 8 at 8 p. m. and run nightly through Saturday, ending with a 2 p. m. discussion Sunday, November 14.

These meetings are scheduled for the auditorium of the Church of Christ at 2808-35th Avenue, Oakland (35th Ave. and Allendale). Although the hour of the meetings if 8 p. m., all interested are advised to be present as early as 7:15 on account of the limitation of seats in the hall. However, Joe Gilmore, local preacher, states that one-half of the auditorium (the right half) has been reserved for the Latter-day Saints, if they wish to use them.

The first four evenings will consider: "Is the Book of Mormon an authentic history of ancient Mexico and Central America brought forth by the power of God."

Other subjects for the pro and con discussions will be: "The doctrine of baptism for the dead as practiced by the Mormons, was also practiced by the early Christians, and is in harmony with the Bible," and "The Kingdom of God was not upon the earth in its fullness from the fourth century A. D. until 1830 A. D."

Scott Barrett of Claremont Ward and law partner with Attorney Ferguson will act as moderator, it is announced, for the meetings, and also as assistant to Elder Ferguson. No audience demonstrations will be permitted, but purchase of the Book fo Mormon, by the audience will be invited, although not sold on the premises.

Professor Bales comes from the Harding Christian College, Searcy, Arkansas, and is widely known in the East Bay because of a former series of debates he engaged in Oakland a few years ago with a LDS elder who came from Ogden, Utah, for the series.

Mimeographed copies of the debates will be available if enough order are received before the debates close. Costs of tape, labor, typing, paper, mailing will run price up to $1.50 at least, it is felt. Prepaid orders will be received in the lobby at the close of each lecture.

SECT'Y EZRA T. BENSON SENDS PERSONAL WORD OF GREETING TO FRIENDS IN BAY AREA

Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, and his executive assistant, Lorenzo "Ren" N. Hoopes of Oakland Stake, sent letters to Messenger readers at the invitation of the editor.

Since these two brethren are now on the national scene and are widely known to the readers of the Messenger, we gladly reproduce the two letters which will explain themselves.

Dear Brother Ball:

The Secretary appreciates your invitation to extend a word of greeting to the good people of the Bay area. Enclosed is a brief message which we hope will be useful for the purpose you have in mind.

Having been an enthusiastic reader of the Messenger for many years, I commend you for the effective work you are doing. The Secretary joins me in wishing for our publication and for all its readers a continuation of joy and success.

Sincerely Yours
L. N. HOOPES
Executive Assistant to the Sect'y.

Dear Brother Ball:

This invitation to extend greetings to my many friends in the Bay area is deeply appreciated. I am grateful for the many kindnesses and courtesies which you have shown me over the years.

At this particular time I am reminded that one of the sacred obligations the Lord has placed upon us as a people is that of exercising our franchise as free American citizens. We have been admonished to seek wise and good men and women for positions of government. They should be men and women who place their devotion to the ideals of American life above party, politics, or personal intersts. Only by having such people in the responsible positions of government may we expect to have a continuation and strengthenig of the freedom ad liberty which we presently enjoy and which we, with the help of God, may yet share with peoples and all nations for their everlasting benefit and blessing.

I commend you for the effective work you are doing; may the Lord continue to bless you.

Sincerely your brother,
EZRA TAFT BENSON

Story By Sect'y Benson Told at Farm Meet

Here is a man with true persistence — rather like that of the Frenchman who went into an American restaurant knowing what he wanted but unable to call it by name. He asked the waitress: "Mademoiselle, what is the name of the bird, the cock-a-doodle-doo?"

"The rooster?"

"Oui, ze rooster. And how is it that you call the madam of the rooster?"

"The hen."

"Oui, ze hen. And who is the child of the madam of the rooster?"

"The chick."

"Oui, ze chick. And what is ze chick before he is ze chick?"

"The egg."

Bishop Woolley's Personal Impressions General Conference

At the request of the Messenger Allan C. Woolley, bishop of Napa Ward, has expressed his thoughts of the last General Conference:

The beginning of this month was a glorious one because the General Conference of the Church held the first three days.

The prime purpose of the Conference is and always has been for the Saints of God to assemble together from all parts of the land to receive instruction and, by so doing, charge their spiritual batteries with vigor and enthusiasm. With this new power they return to their respective homes and, in turn, try to charge the batteries of all those that were unable to sit at the feet of the divine prophets of God, and hear the message from the mouthpiece of our Heavenly Father.

President McKay, in his opening address, was very expressive with praise and commendation for the faithfulness of the saints, and yet he emphasized the importance of improving ourselves and living even better than we have heretofore. Our accomplishments have been great—the Latter-day Saints have won much acclaim from the world—but that isn't our goal.

We should strive every day to improve and set better examples before our fellowmen, impressing upon them the value of a clean life filled with righteous deeds. We should live as we pray.

A story was told as an example: In the family prayers of one very good family, whose head was rich in worldly things, the constant prayer was for the poor to be taken care of. One day one of the children said, "Father, I wish I had all your grain and possessions." The father asked, "What would you do with them?" The child answered, "I would answer your prayers."

I am grateful for the opportunity I had of attending the recent conference. May we who sat at the feet of the prophets of God in person, and those who did so by modern means of radio and television, live as we have been instructed, leading, as it were, the children of our Heavenly Father into green pastures of righteousness, love, patience, hope, and all the other holy attributes of our Father in Heaven.

—Bishop Allan C. Woolley, Napa

Personal Impressions Relief Society Meet In Salt Lake City

By Irene T. Ranker
Berkeley Stake Pres. Relief Society

I came away from the 1954 General Relief Society Conference September 29-30 with a stronger testimony of the truthfulness of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with a renewed thankfulness that I have been privileged to be a member, and have the opportunity to serve.

President Spafford in her address said, "Relief Society is preeminent among women's organizations because it is God's organization for his daughters here upon earth. It was founded under the inspiration of the Lord bestowed upon the Prophet Joseph Smith; it was organized under the priesthood and after the pattern of the priesthood. Relief Society women are women embarked in the service of God, and it follows that they are embarked in the service of their fellowmen."

Elder Mark E. Peterson urged the Relief Society members to assist the missionaries. First by example. If we would be zealous in fulfilling the commandment to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors, we must first impress them with the value of the gospel in our own lives as reflected by our good works. Then by friendliness. Invite investigators to socials, class, and lesson work. Give wives of senior Aaronic priesthood members a feeling of belonging. In all this work, do not neglect to give the gospel to your own families; there are no more precious souls to save.

Henry D. Moyle

Elder Henry D. Moyle asked us to assist in the Welfare Plan to help the individual and the family to be self-sustaining where possible, thus giving more permanent, beneficial assistance.

President Stephen L. Richards gave us thoughts of lasting inspiration. " . . . Parents should constantly inspire their children with two lofty objectives: a mission and a temple marriage. If they succeed in these aims, every principle of the gospel will be incorporated in their lives."

Speaking of the evils of divorce, he said, "It is cruel, unspeakably cruel to children and to many innocent people.

" . . . I do not believe that the remedy for irritation and quarreling in the home is divorce. I be-

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Local Brethren Associated With Huge Community Hospital in Hayward - Castro Valley Area

The new seven-story Eden Township Hospital now nearing completion on an eminent site overlooking the wide Castro Valley in east Alameda County is a notable example of a large community banding its civic interest together for non-profit service to its citizenship.

The Messenger's editor was recently conducted on an inspection tour of this most modern hospital in Northern California. Serving on the five-man Board of Directors which has directed the planning, financing and construction details of this immense and unique civic undertaking are two widely-known members of the Oakland Stake of Zion, Dr. Milton P. Ream of the stake presidency and former bishop A. Gifford Jackson of San Leandro Ward.

The Eden Hospital was initiated in 1951, because of the pressing need for more hospital facilities in the area.

Board Election Coming

Democratically subject to the will of the electorate, directors Ream and Jackson, along with Julius Levine will be voted upon at the coming election. Strong sentiment favorable to the incumbent board members prevails because of the need for trusted and experienced guidance in the completion and initial operation of this vital community health service.

A committee headed by Dr. W. A. Jones and Wilford "Bill" W. Nelson are actively supporting the re-election of the incumbent members of the hospital's board of directors.

Towering commandingly on a gently rising elevated acreage in Castro Valley, the 254-bed structure attracts the eye of all driving along Castro Valley Boulevard leading eastward on Highway 40 to Stockton and Tracy.

Cost of $5,500,000

Erected at a total cost of approximately $5,500,000, the financing has been made possible by federal, state and local governments. The annual payroll initially will be over $730,000. The personnel will total nearly 285 and rise to over 500 eventually.

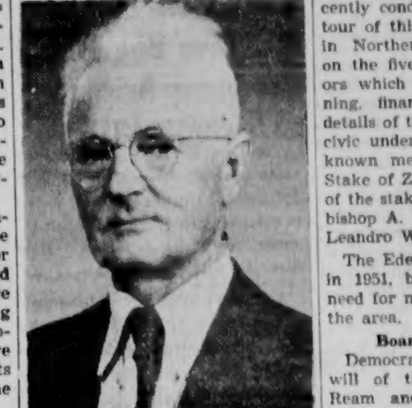
Purchases will exceed $160,000 a year.

Unique features in each room for patients will be lavatory, telephone and piped oxygen.

There will be five operating rooms, one minor operating room, one cystoscopic room and one recovery room; an autopsy room, a solarium, cafeteria and laundry, medical library, doctors' lounge, shock room, emergency treatment room, laboratories, x-ray rooms, and nursery.

About the Eden Hospital will spring up a large medical center with large medical building.

Archie J. Inger Local LDS Artist Dies in Hayward



Archie Johnson Inger, artist

Oakland Stake's much-loved Archie Johnson Inger, 71, former stake high counselor, author and famed painter in oils, was laid to rest in Lone Tree Cemetery, Hayward, Wednesday, October 6, 1954. His book, "Rejected Crown," is a much loved story of the life of Christ. His paintings grace several chapels.

Funeral services, held in the Hayward LDS chapel at 2 p.m., October 6, were largely attended. Death came at 7 a.m., October 4, of a heart condition at his Hayward home on A Street.

Presiding at the funeral services was former Hayward Bishop Wilford T. Webb. The speaker was Mrs. Ruth Savage Hilton. Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Mary Boles and Blaine Wilson.

Born in Idaho June 17, 1883, Elder Inger came to California with his mother and her family. Raised as a Latter-day Saint family, they became inactive following the move, as so often happens. Thru the invitation of friends in

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Stake Conferences Last Quarter 1954

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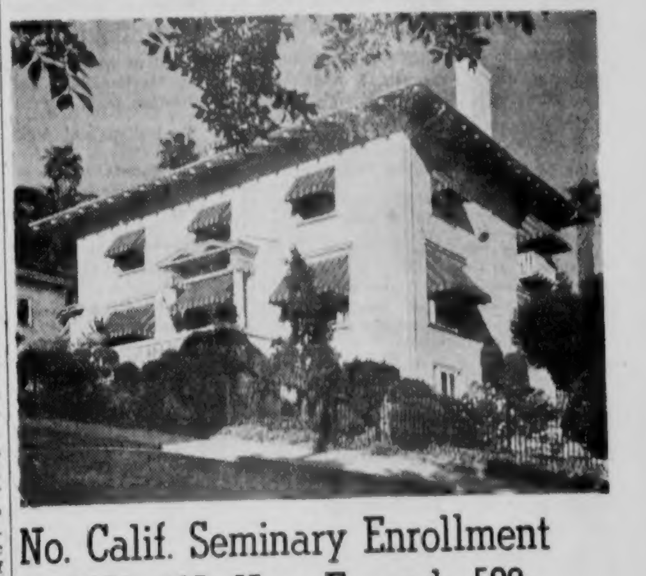

No. Calif. Seminary Enrollment In 1953, 125; Now Exceeds 500; Supervisor Kenner Reports Growth

The contageous growth of LDS seminary classes among the boys and girls of Northern California is apparent in the first report to come from the office of R. Lee Kenner, supervisor of Seminaries and director of the LDS institute at the University of California in Berkeley.

Preliminary figures of enrollment available as the Messenger goes to press show a total of 19 seminaries now meeting with an overall enrollment of approximately 550 happy high school boys and girls in seven Northern California Stakes.

These seven o'clock seminary scholars are over-crowding facilities in some wards. The work is spreading so fast that the Church Board of Education has assured Supervisor Kenner of an assistant supervisor to help direct the additional seminaries that will spring up next year according to plans already forming in the region.

In addition to the Bay area wards, reports from Gridley Ward shows 37 regular attendance, while Sacramento Stake sends word of four Seminary classes already in full swing with enrollments of 32, 35, 50 and 50 plus, respectively.

Alameda boys and girls show up each morning with smiling faces and jolly jests to the number of 22, and the same number are found in the Oakland Fourth's live-wire group five days a week.

In Dimond's (Oak. 3rd) chapel 19 lads and lassies are reporting

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